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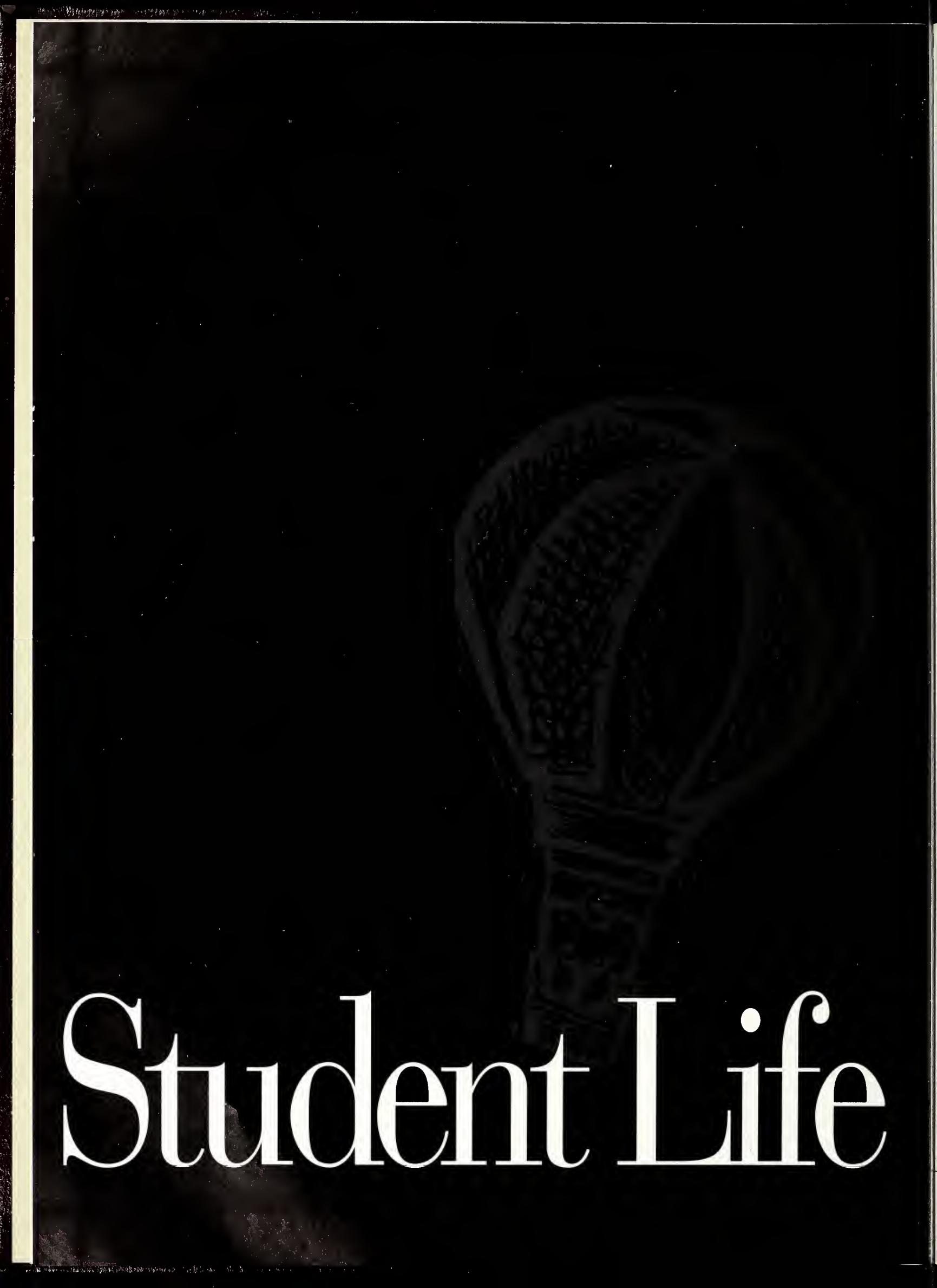


JANLEE RUTH LOEWEN
Blosser, associate
professor of nursing
and interim director
of the department of
nursing, died April
15, 1998. "Janlee
died the same way
that she lived. She
showed tremendous
determination and
courage as she
struggled during her
last days."

- Randy Smith

This book is
dedicated to her and
her dedicated
service to
Bethel College.

Opening



Student Life

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Photo by Dan Wilson



SERVING FOOD for the International Club is Haylle Chau, junior from Newton. The club always has a line waiting for their delicacies.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



DECIDING WHICH bumper sticker to buy is Jacob Larson, sophomore from Clay Center.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

ENJOYING ONE of the best parts of Fall Festival the FOOD, is Claire Heiks, freshman from Appleton, Wis. There are numerous food booths at Fall Festival which can satisfy any appetite.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



WAILING on a solo, Karl Kroeker, senior from Chouteau, Okla. performs with the Jazz band.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



DANCING with the Newton Azteca dancers is Anastacio Pecina, senior from Weslaco, Texas.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



In the Tradition

Annual Fall Festival Celebration brings excitement to campus.

by Krista Voth

Bethel's 27th Annual Fall Festival was held October 2-5. The festivities began on Thursday evening with the Taste of Newton, a joint venture with the City of Newton. Along with numerous food booths, entertainment was provided by Stairwell, the Thresher Jazz band and other community acts.

On Friday, the campus was full of activities ranging from a senior visitation day, hosted by the admissions office to the Student Activities Board Anything Goes. The fall drama was held this weekend as well as our fall bonfire which was hampered by the strong winds. Although there was no fire, many students and athletes turned out to show their BC spirit. Following the bonfire, SAB held a dance in the cafeteria. About 150 students strutted their stuff on the dance floor.

The arts and crafts booths plus numerous food tents were the highlight of Saturday. The festival on the green featured many community groups performing, clubs selling their wares and even a chance to eat food prepared by fellow students.

Athletic teams had a chance to shine as well during the weekend. The tennis team hosted their Alumni Classic in which former players are invited to return to take on current team members. Both soccer teams played in the afternoon and the football team capped off the night with their game at Fisher Field.

The end of Fall Fest was marked by the worship service held on Sunday morning at the Bethel College Mennonite church. The concert choir performed and many students were involved in the planning and execution of the service from being ushers, to serving communion, to being a part of the reader's theater.

Although Fall Fest can be a stressful part of a

students life, juggling visitors, friends and working in numerous booths, it is one of the unforgettable Bethel events. The tradition is such that no mater how busy you are, you still have a great time.

BROADCASTING LIVE, are sophomore KBCU deejays Sharleen Loewen from Mountain Lake, Minn. and Aaron Squyres from Tacoma, Wash.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



PAINTING traditional designs on a community child is Palwasha Kakar, sophomore from Moundridge.
Photo by Robin Linscheid

In Coming

Freshman adapt to college... and they like it.

by Keith Hiebner

"Change is good": was the motto of the freshman class as they settled in at Bethel August 31 and prepared for the school year.

Bethel President Doug Penner remarked that this is "the largest group of new students in a decade." The freshmen responded with excitement and adjusted with ease. Katie Mueller, freshman from Appleton, Wis., wasn't nervous because "Bethel's too small of a place to get lost!"

Colin Waltner, freshman from Freeman, S.D., started the year with a positive outlook of his life at Bethel, "It's a long ways from Mommy, but I like it!"

Even after classes began, freshmen were undaunted by their new experiences. Lisa Thimm, freshman from Beatrice, Neb., thought that Bethel classes were, "Good, great, better than high school."

The new students also threw themselves into the many activities offered on campus. Alycee Gullino, freshman from Kansas City, joined a number of clubs and signed up to be a reporter for the Collegian.

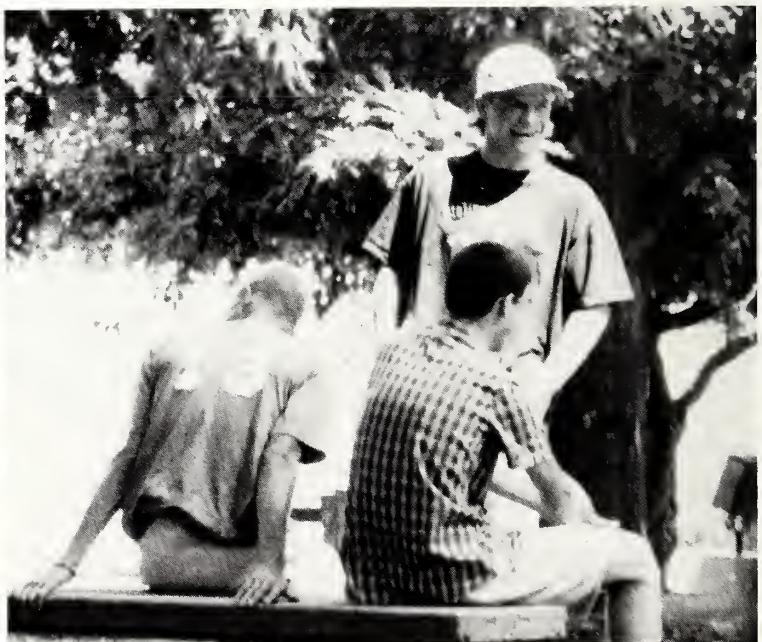
Most freshman looked forward to meeting the upperclassmen. Although many might have been apprehensive about college being different from high school, Ezel Lever, freshman from Moundridge, found fellow students to be "mature and open-minded."



SETTLING IN to Haury Hall is Laura Chapman, freshman from Muskogee, Okla.
Photo by Jen Stoll



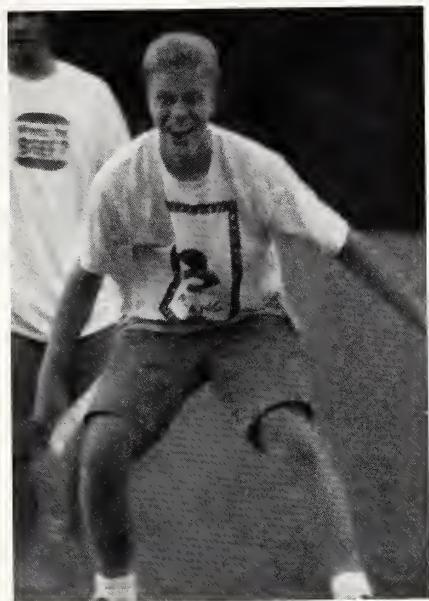
HANGING OUT on the green are three freshman from around the midwest.
Photo by Haylie Chau





FLYING AWAY: Sarah Bane, freshman from Richmond, Va., and Nathan Toews, freshman from North Newton, race on the bungee run at the orientation carnival.

Photo by Haylle Chau



COME AND GET ME, Brian Tieszen, freshman from Wellington, plays SAB games on the soccer field.

Photo by Haylle Chau

BEING WELCOMED to Haury Hall are Letha Funk, freshman from Canton, and her parents.

Photo by Jen Stoll



GETTING ACQUAINTED are Ezel Lever, freshman from Moundridge and Allison Epp, Becca Claassen, and Lisa Thimm, freshman from Beatrice, Neb.

Photo by Haylle Chau



POC TEACHER, Bryan Reber, meets with his advisees during orientation. Sharleen Loewen, sophomore from Mt. Lake, Minn., Kristin Kreider, freshman from North Newton, and Katie Mueller, freshman from Appleton, Wis., listen intently.

Photo by Haylle Chau

ANNOUNCERS, Matt Watkins and Krista Voth give step-by-step coverage for every event.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



ROLLIN'... ROLLIN' Jesse Graber, senior from Newton shows the crowd how to body roll.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



RACHEL HOSTETLER and Shelese Stucky can hardly hold onto their oranges in the relay race.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



Freshman Dayna Gritmaker shows proper form in spinning with a bat on her head.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



YUMMY, YUMMY, Erica Coulter, sophomore from Wichita, spits out a mouth full of pistachio pudding. The suck and blow event is usually much more enjoyable for the spectators to watch than to participate in.
Photo by Robin Linscheid

Anything Goes

Competitions show the more messy, fun side of students.

by Becca Claassen

"Anything Goes" once again proved to be the highlight of the Fall Fest Activities. Groups of about ten competed against each other in a series of "obstacles" in hopes of a victory.

This year six teams challenged each other to do their very best. Some of the events included the famous suck and blow pistachio pudding, the body log roll, the pyramid chugging contest, and the finale team relay race.

Sophomore Polly Niehage, from Moundridge, said her favorite event was "the final relay competition. It was so fun and it was a whole 'team' effort."

Many students however did not participate and chose to be spectators instead.

Senior Koji Hayakawa, from Aichi, Japan, chose to just watch. "It's pretty messy and when you have to do so many things to get ready for Fall Fest, it's hard to fit in to your schedule."

Nonetheless, many believe Anything Goes is an experience that shouldn't be passed up.

"Everyone should do it at least one. It is a great way to bond with your friends and get acquainted with others," said Allison Epp, freshman from Beatrice, Neb.

Many of those who participated this year said that they would be back to compete again next year. Some will come just for fun while others will vie for the overall championship doing everything they can to take home the gold.

Anything is possible in "Anything Goes".

ANNA MARIE WALTNER tallies up the scores to find the winning team of Anything Goes.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



COOL DOWN TIME! This team decides to relax on the slip and slide after the events.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



ARE WE HAVING FUN YET? Erica Coulter, sophomore from Wichita, is really having a blast while on Fall Break.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel

JENNIFER JANZEN never camps without her trusty Bethel mug, which easily converts into a bowl.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

AARON HERSHBERGER and Allison Lee Schmit work with Mennonite Housing in Wichita over break.

Photo by Liz Harder



SERVICE DAY Said El Krinawi, junior from Israel, spent break working on a service project.

Photo by Liz Harder



CAMP FOOD
CUISINE! Esther Kratzer samples various foods on her camping trip

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



Fall Break

First annual fall break goes over great with students.

by Katelyn Brooks Hubert

Fall break was a new addition to Bethel's calendar this year. After classes ended Friday, October seventeenth, most students were free to do what they pleased until Wednesday morning, except for those who had Tuesday evening classes.

"It came at a great time," reflected Erica Schmidt, who spent her time hanging around campus resting and catching up on studies.

Many students, like Schmidt, willingly decided to stay at Bethel. Other students didn't have a choice.

The volleyball team had a home match Friday night and an away match Tuesday night. The football team had a away game Saturday afternoon. Both the men's and Women's soccer teams had away games Saturday afternoon. Those obligations, along with practices Monday and Tuesday (except for the volleyball team), didn't provide the athletes with as much of a break.

Even so, those students were able to have a break from classes. "It was still cool to have the break," said Scott Kissee, who plays football.

Students who decided to leave Bethel participated in a wide range of activities.

Several groups went camping, Jared Gingerich, Lisa Thimm, Adam Schrag, and Kara Dixon went backpacking in Palmer Lake, Colorado. Jen Janzen, CJ Friesen, Robin Linscheid, and Joseph Sawatzky went to Annaken Toews' aunt and uncle's pasture near Camp Mennescah. Twelve students, including Erica Coulter, went to Brandon Russell's hometown of Coldwater.

"The break was nice," said Coulter, "because we were able to get out of the academic routine for awhile. It came at a good time—in between a long, enjoyable summer and a much anticipated Thanksgiving break."

Several students, who didn't want to go camping,

ventured away from campus to the homes of friends and family. Those who remained in Kansas include Kim Goering and Amy Ulrich who went to Manhattan and Sheila Metzinger who went to Ark City. Other students who decided a longer trip was worth it include Jacob Reib who went home to Austin, Texas, Amy Brenneman and Elizabeth Walter who went to Wellman, Iowa, and Brooke Kennell who went to Aurora, Colorado.

Whether students traveled near or far or just remained on campus, all agree the break was worth it and advocate making it an annual occurrence.



PRETTY AND POSED FOR A PICTURE. Anaken Toews, sophomore from Goessel, Jennifer Janzen, junior from Fresno, Calif., Joe Sawatzky, freshman from North Newton, and C.J. Friesen, freshman from Goshen, Ind. take time for a group shot while on Fall Break.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

Christmas Fest

A traditional Spanish story

by Katrina Matter

President Douglas Penner and Raylene Hinz-Penner welcomed students, faculty, and staff as they gathered together in Memorial Hall for the 1997 Christmas Fest. A considerable amount of hard work and effort went into the making the adobe-looking houses and the bright flowers that provided the setting for this year's unique Mexican theme. Daniel Macias, the Master of Ceremonies, narrated the traditional Spanish story of Las Posadas, which is based on the Christmas story as told in Luke. The audience watched and listened as the children and adults went from house to house singing. They were searching for a posadas, or lodging, for Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem. The pilgrims knocked at each door, but were not admitted into a home until the ninth night. There they accepted lodging with much rejoicing.

The Fiesta de La Navidad was filled with other ethnic entertainment throughout the evening also. A Mariachi Los Reyes serenaded the tables, and an Azteca Dance Troupe graced the stage with their energetic Mexican dancing. Members of the Bethel community offered their talents as well, taking parts as storytellers, singers and instrumentalists. The Second Century Singers were also a highlight of Christmas Fest 1997.

Although many formals glimmered around the gym, some Bethel College students felt that this year's Christmas Fest was more relaxed than former years have been. One sophomore commented that both the decorations and the food were not as elegant as they had been the year before, although the evening was still enjoyable. Freshman Any Krehbiel felt as though her first Christmas Fest experience was a fun one, and

she thought that the evening seemed to be well planned and organized. Another student found the entertainment enjoyable, but did not care for the food. Personally, I also found the evening to be enjoyable, but it seemed hard to get into the Christmas spirit since the decorations and music were non-traditional for many of us. However, it was interesting and educational to experience the different Christmas atmosphere. It reminded me that our traditions are not the only traditions in the world, and sometimes I do not think we appreciate that.

After the fiesta, many students attended the SAB-sponsored Winter Frolic dance. The Bubberts dance floor quickly became hot and crowded, but that just made it all the more fun. It was a great way to relax and relieve some of the stress before finals week. My first experience of Christmas Fest was definitely a memorable one!



ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE EVENING
This group of women are dressed and ready to go to the Christmas Fest banquet.
Photo by Sarah Thomsen



BETHEL CHOIR members dressed in costume, aided in several musical numbers.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

MANY STUDENTS attended the dance held in Bubbert's.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



ROBERT ALAVAREZ, sophomore from Santa Rosa, Texas, and Lolem Ngong, senior from Wichita, show their moves at the Winter Frolic Dance which followed the banquet.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



ERIC SCHRAG, senior from Newton, helped with narrating stories.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

SOPHOMORE Jason Peters from Hillsboro, sang in the choir along with many others.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

ANASTACIO PECINA, senior from Weslaco, Texas, and Susan Dixon, junior from Topeka, hang out in front of the Ad. Building to talk.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



STUDENTS SCURRY around campus trying to make it to class on time.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: David Alan Kaufman looks for a running teammate while Stuart Isaac attempts to block a pass.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen

MUSIC TO MY EARS! A common sound around campus is students playing their instruments. Here Jesse Gruber, junior from Newton, plays a tune on his acoustic guitar. Many times students gather together on the green for a musical jam session.

Photo by Daniel Wilson



INTERNATIONAL students Victoria Letnyanchyn from the Ukraine, and Kerstin Duellmann from Germany sample American cuisine at Marriot.

Photo by Monty Gruber

Day-to-Day Life

College life is more than attending class and studying.

by Celina Wilson

College life has both its ups and downs. Going to class is a priority for the majority of students. However, other activities also demand time and attention.

One major activity, that wasn't a part of my day before college, is taking a mid-day nap. This is true of several students at Bethel as well as other colleges. Finding a place on campus to catch some Z's usually isn't a problem. Many students go to their dorm rooms to nap, while others sack out on the couches in dorm lounges or at the library. Some even find the chairs in Krehbiel Auditorium comfortable enough during convocation.

Another important priority is eating. For students who live on campus, it's just a matter of showing up at Marriott on time and finding something edible. Eating a meal at 5:00 usually doesn't get students through the evening. This is why Newell's, Papa John's, and Drubers were frequently visited by Bethel students.

And there is always laundry...that moldy stench piled up in a ball on the closet floor. It haunts us all. Some students have never washed clothes while at home, so doing laundry is a new experience.

After tending to basic necessities, there is still the issue of entertainment. When it comes to entertaining one's self, creativity comes into play. Finding something to do other than homework can be hard sometimes. Many students venture away from campus, but campus is full of activities.

A favorite spot to just hang-out is on the green. There is almost always a game of hacky-sack, or ultimate frisbee going on. And many times you'll find students playing music, which can be great live

entertainment.

Another hot spot on campus is Sand Creek. Many people enjoy going for walks or riding bikes through this area. According to Sasha Siebert, sophomore from Henderson, Neb., "Going for a walk by Sand Creek is good exercise and an excellent place to get alone for a while."

The best part about finding things to do on campus is . . . it's all FREE!



FRESHMAN, Clair Heiks and Adam Schrag veg out in a dorm room at Goering.

Photo by Monty Gruber

Getting Into Shape

Personal health and fitness is a big issue on campus.

by Katelyn Brooks Hubert

Moving to college, as with any new environment, requires a change in personal habits. Since college is usually the first place people go after leaving home, most lessons learned here are learned the hard way.

No parents are around to nag their sons and daughters about good eating habits. Stress and midnight snacks are in abundance. Lack of time and want to nap lend themselves to excuses to not exercise. Constant contact with peers allows for easy access for germs to be transmitted. College seems to be a haven for bad habits to develop.

The "freshman fifteen" tends to be a major concern for new students. With frequent Druber's runs and ice cream available during every meal at Marriott, how can it be avoided?

According to academic health center director and professor of nursing, Katherine Mick, acquiring and maintaining good dietary habits is a crucial component for keeping the extra pounds off. It's important, she says, to eat from all the food groups and to eat all three major meals, especially breakfast.

Mick's other suggestion is regular exercise. Twenty to thirty minutes four to five times a week is advisable. "Schedule it is," she says. But if time constraints are too much, it's good to remember "any amount is positive."

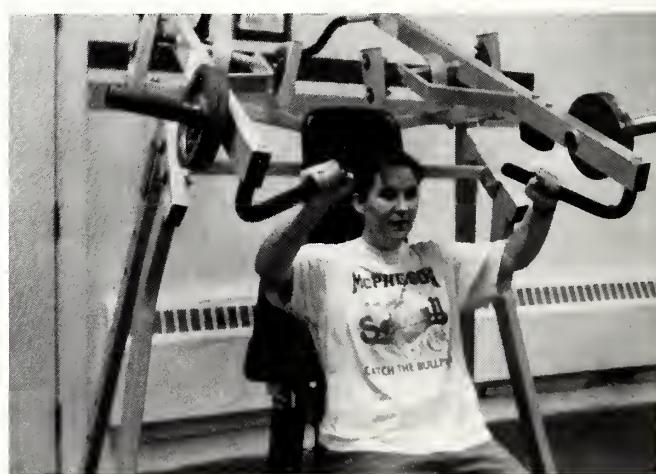
Exercise is also important in diffusing stress. "It's the cheapest antidepressant on the market," says Mick. With the onslaught of major tests, long papers, and presentations assigned, stress tends to be an inevitable intruder into all student's live.

Athletic trainer and professor of health management Russ Gruber agrees with Mick that exercise is beneficial for all students. Gruber advocates

the campus wellness center is addition to outdoor exercise. "We have a good facility," he says. All the machines in the workout room can provide for a good aerobic workout which is essential for good overall health."

Preventing sickness is another concern for students and faculty alike. In addition to a good diet and exercise, Mick advises adequate sleep for those who want to be healthy. "Naps are great," she says. Taking 15 to 30 minute power naps are ideal, but any rest is better than nothing.

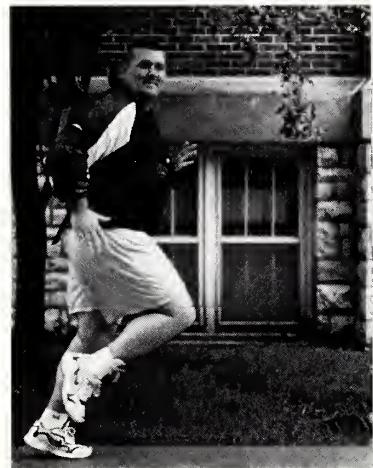
Taking mental breaks is also recommended. "Build in breaks during study times," Mick says. It's not easy to adjust to new settings, but there are ways to do so positively. Students usually discover these ways eventually, whether by advice given from those who have already learned or by suffering the consequences of too many doughnuts, too little sleep, and too much stress. Hopefully, more and more students in the future will avoid the latter.



PUMPING IRON. Elizabeth Walter from McPherson gets in shape.
Photo by Kelly Simmons



WOMEN SOCCER
players receive athletic
training before a
soccer game.
*Photo by Celina
Wilson*

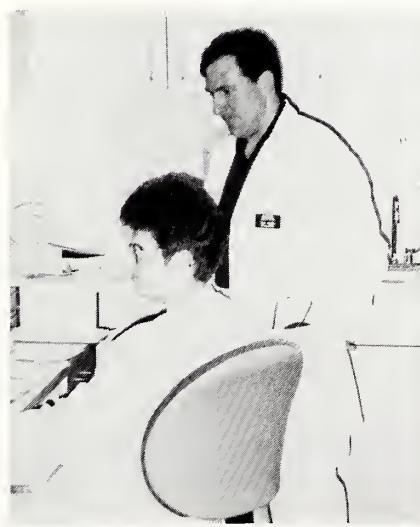


ROBERT SHIPLEY, sophomore from
Lebo shows how he stays healthy with
exercise. *Photo by Daniel Wilson*



IS THERE A PULSE? Student Athletic Trainer Sarah Bergkamp sophomore from Blue Rapids, checks the blood pressure of athlete Chris Reeves a junior from Wichita. Many student athletes on campus are treated for health or injury concerns by Athletic Trainers.

Photo by Hahn Bach



NURSES in the
Academic Health
Center are willing to
help students with
health concerns at
anytime.
Photo by Hahn Bach



TAPE UP: Russ Gruber tapes up Becky
Klassen for a soccer game.
Photo by Celina Wilson

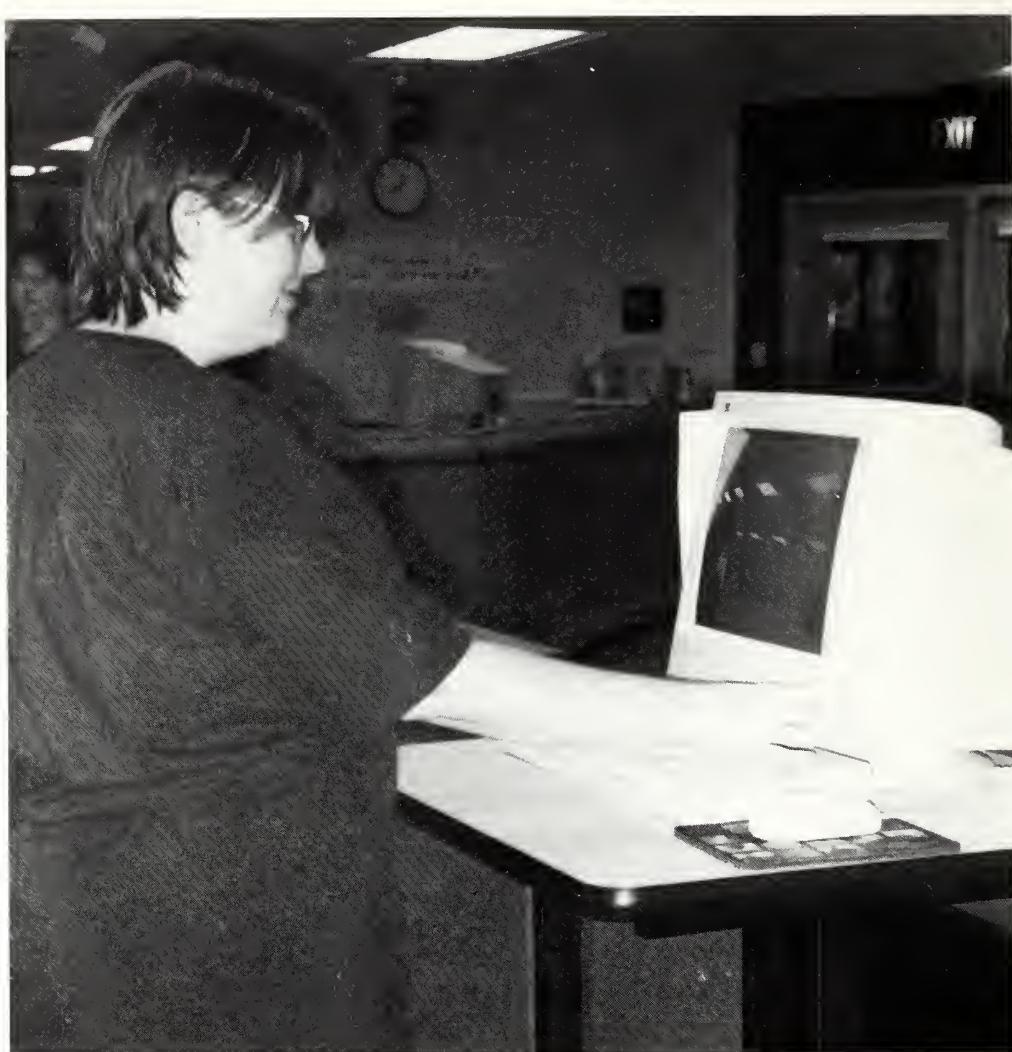
LIBRARY Melinda Leritz, junior from Augusta, works with computers.

Photo by Hahn Bach



VACUUMING FOR BUCKS, Tom Taylor, senior from McPherson, cleans in the Science Hall

Photo by Hahn Bach



MAILROOM Karri Krehbiel, junior from Kingman, works with campus mail.

Photo by Hahn Bach



FRYING BURGERS AT BUBBERTS:
Alycee Gullino, freshman from Kansas City, Kan., earns money for school by working in Bubberts.

Several students find Bubberts and Marriot jobs with lots of available hours to work.

Photo by Hahn Bach

Work Study

Students find work study jobs flexible for class schedules.

by Becca Classen

While many students found themselves hitting the books hard this school year, a good portion of those students also found themselves working on campus as part of the Federal Work Study program. There were many options open to students this year when it came time to find a work study job. The opportunities ranged from dishing out the grub at Marriott, to working in the library, to cleaning up around campus through maintenance. When it came time to hiring students for jobs, many employers said that they looked for responsibility, dependability, a willingness to learn, as well as treating the workstudy job as a real job. Linda Wilson, head of Marriott, and Gail Stucky said that regular attendance of the student was the most important part of keeping their job.

Celina Wilson, sophomore from Lebo, commented, "I think it works out easier having an on campus job, instead of one off campus. Like during breaks when we can't stay on campus, sometimes it is hard to get time off from an off campus job. Also, if you have to miss work it is pretty easy to find someone on campus who will work for you."

Many students enjoy having jobs on campus, but the biggest complaint is probably that pay checks only come out once a month. This is if you get your time sheet in on time.

Work study is not something that is only available during the school year, there are some options for students if they wanted to work during the summer and stay on campus. Senior Chad Lehman from Newton, said that the best part of having a job on campus was the "flexibility of when I work."



LIBRARY Mitch Isaac helps Gretchen Gering check out some library books.

Photo by Hahn Bach



HELLO?? David Baker, freshman from Hillsboro, answers phones and takes messages.

Photo by Hahn Bach

In Harmony

Bethel holds a wide variety of musical concerts.

by Celina Wilson

Musical performances are common on Bethel's campus. Throughout the school year there is a wide variety of concerts put on.

Fall Fest is a time filled with several musical performances, from students on campus as well as people from the community. One of the major musical performances during Fall Fest was that of Queen Bey and Co.

Queen Bey is an internationally known jazz and blues singer from Kansas City. She performed at convocation September 26 and the Saturday of Fall Fest in Memorial Hall.

Other musical performances during Fall Fest included: Schniggle-Fritz German Band, an authentic German folk and dance group; Aztec dancers from Mexico; Newton Community Children's Choir; Ann Zimmerman, a folk singer; Santa Fe Middle School Choir; Keith Woolery Dixie and Band, a traditional jazz band; and McPherson Scottish Pipe Band.

Another big musical event on campus is the music department's annual fall concert. This year's fall concert was held November 23 in Memorial Hall. The concert featured the Bethel Sinfonia, directed by Brian Wiebe; the Sinfonia wind, under the direction of Donald Kehrberg; and the Chapel Choir Concert Choir and Second Century Singers, directed by Marles Preheim.

On March 17 in Krehbiel Auditorium, the Thresher Jazz ensemble performed their spring concert. Kehrberg was rather positive about this concert.

"We played several fun tunes by major Big Band names. There was a steady trumpet rotation featured. Our saxophone section was also very strong," said Kehrberg.

According to guitarist Suzy Lichti, freshman from Newton, "I love all the songs we play. There's not one I

favor above the rest."

The Mother's Day Concert on May 10, was a highly attended event. Marles Preheim, professor of music, conducted for the evening. The orchestration was provided by Sinfonia and the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra. Following their selections was the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus and the Newton Chorale sang Mozart's "Requiem" together. This is one of the few concerts on campus that charge a fee for tickets.

Bethel's musical program always has top notch performances. And with the variety of music anyone's musical tastes can be quenched.



SINFONIA, plays for special events all year on campus.

Photo by Keith Heibner



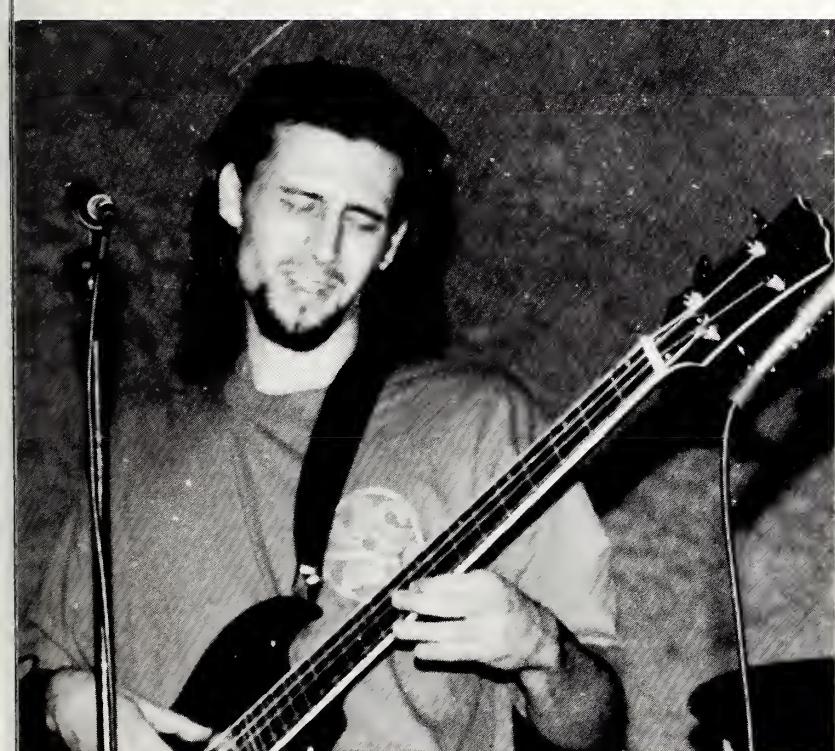
PRACTICE,
PRACTICE: Jazz
Band has several
practices to keep
up with their heavy
concert load.
*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



CONCERT CHOIR
practices a few
numbers before their
interterm trip to
Europe.
*Photo by Monty
Graber*



SLEEPY? As you can
see the concert choir
puts in many long and
sleepless hours of
work.
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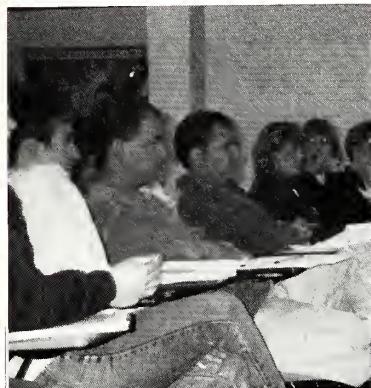


CAN YOU FEEL THE
BEAT? Phil Toevs,
junior from Paso
Robles Cal., sings and
plays his guitar at the
"Basement Bash" held
in Mantz Library. The
Basement Bash gives
several students an
opportunity to get on
stage and show their
musical talents.
*Photo by Daniel
Wilson*



PHIL HART Plays a tune at the Earth Day
celebration on the green.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel

SENIOR SIT-IN:
Senior nursing
students fill the Ad
Building outside Doug
Penner's office.
*Photo by Celina
Wilson*



IN CLASS: This group
of junior nursing
students spend several
hours in class together.
Photo by Hahn Bach



SENIOR CLINICAL GROUP: Back row: Don Ahrens, Jay Alexander, Marlana
James, Keela Kruse, Verda Deckert. Front row: Tamara Krueger, Stacy
Flaming, Marieke Price, Amy Cropp.
Photo Courtesy Tamara Krueger

AT CLINICALS: Clinicals are an
important part of the nursing program
Photo by Hahn Bach



CLINICALS: Senior nurses Marlana
James and Amber Skinner take down
notes at clinicals.
Photo by Hahn Bach

Nursing Program

This year's nursing program encounters many challenges.

by Celina Wilson

The nursing program went through several trials and tribulations. This year has been a big turning point for the nursing program as a whole.

During the first part of November, Dr. Janice Davidson resigned as chairwoman of the Bethel nursing department. Her resignation prompted action from nursing students on November 10. They questioned Davidson's resignation in a letter, which they presented to President Doug Penner. The letter was signed by over 50 junior and senior nursing students and the seniors then took it to Penner's office. Penner spoke to nursing students at that time to reassure them about the future of the nursing program.

The letter from the students included statements such as, "because of Janice's prodding and her work assured us that we make it through the nursing program. We feel that the nursing program will suffer a great loss in enrollment without Janice's spearheading recruitment."

Academic Dean, John Sherriff stated, "Whatever the quality of program, let's not be so naive to think it is because of one person. It is not quite fair to assume because we have a good department, it's because of one person."

Another challenge the nursing program felt, as well as the entire campus was the loss of a loved professor and colleague. Janlee Ruth Loewen Blosser, associate professor of nursing and interim director of the department of nursing, died April 15. Blosser passed away after more than two months spent in the hospital fighting numerous health complications most related to surgery removing stones from her bile duct in early

February.

"Janlee died the same way that she lived," said Randy Smith, campus pastor. "She showed tremendous determination and courage as she struggled during her last days."

A memorial service was held April 18 at the Bethel College Mennonite Church and the following Wednesday during chapel service. Students and colleagues shared tributes and reflections on the kind of integrity and compassion Blosser emulated as a professor, friend and mentor.

Many of Blosser's students saw her on a daily basis while participating in nursing clinics at the hospital where she stayed. According to students, "It was tough to watch her health deteriorate each day...I remember one day we stood outside her room, holding hands, and singing church songs."

Janlee Blosser will be missed by all of Bethel College.



GRADUATION: These senior nurses Stacy Flaming, Sarah Tabor, and Tamara Krueger made it through Bethel's nursing program. Photo by Celina Wilson

TAMMY RATZLAFF,
sophomore from
Wichita, spends the
day showing her
grandma life at Bethel.
*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



TYLER HOOPES,
freshman from
Anthony, invited his
grandfather to spend a
day on campus.
*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



FAMILY PORTRAIT:
Joshua Hull, Melissa
Tieszen and Brian
Tieszen invite the
whole family to
Grandparents Day.
*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*

LUNCH TIME AT
MARRIOT:
Grandparents along
with their grandkids
have an opportunity to
sample the rich
delicacies of Marriot
Grandma's cooking
sure sounds better.
*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



Grandparents Day

Grandparents of Bethel students enjoy a day visiting campus.

by Becca Classen

Once again, this year's Grandparent's Day, sponsored by Student Alumni Association, was a success. For the fifteenth consecutive year, grandparents of Bethel students, were invited to Bethel to walk around the campus, attend classes, eat at Marriott and participate in daily routines of college life.

Virgil Penner, director of alumni relations, estimated that 118 grandparents were on campus on April 20.

"Even though the numbers were the same as in the past, there were a lot of new faces this year. A significant number of grandparents were here who hadn't come before. It was good to see the number of students represented and the diversity," said Penner.

One highlight of the day included a student program. A variety of students performed musical pieces, shared Interterm experiences and read poetry. Susan Gaeddert, sophomore from Georgetown, Kentucky, performed a piano solo and Nathan Stucky, junior from Kingman, Sydney Stigge, senior from Newton, Nicole Unruh, junior from Greensburg, and Karl Kroeker, senior from Chouteau, Okla., performed a segment from the spring operetta, "The Gondliers." Sherilyn Gruber, senior from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, accompanied the quartet, and also gave a reflection of the the choir's trip to Europe over Interterm. Also sharing about an Interterm trip was Brian Zerger, sophomore from Newton, who participated in Literary London. Brandi Regier, sophomore from Turpin, Okla., also read a poem about Grandparents.

Matt Krehbiel, senior from North Newton, said the student performance was one highlight of the day for his grandparents.

After the performance was over, Penner said a very high percentage of grandparents attended classes with their grandchildren.

Erica Coulter, sophomore from Wichita is thankful that SAA sponsors an annual Grandparents Day.

"My grandparents had a fantastic time. They appreciate any time they can spend with me, especially at a college setting." said Coulter.

"Overall, I was happy about student involvement. The response was tremendous and everyone needs to be congratulated" said Penner.



ERICA COULTER, sophomore from Wichita, brought her grandparents to convocation. *Photo by Sarah Thomsen*

BRANDON RUSSELL, senior from Coldwater, volunteers time to paint.
Photo by Haylie Chau

TAKING A BREAK
This group of men take a meal break from working and relax part of the afternoon.
Photo courtesy of Matt Krehbiel



LOOK OUT Here comes Paul Ortman, freshman from Marion, SD., rolling through.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



AT WORK OR PLAY? David Andrew Kaufman and Mitch Isaac, senior from Whitewater, have a duel. Paintbrush against paintbrush it's a fight, to the end of a bucket of paint.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel

Service Days

Bethel stresses the importance of service in the community.

by Tonya Keim

Bethel College students, faculty and staff took a very active role in upholding one of the four central values of the college this year: that of service. Students participated in more service opportunities this year than they have in the past three years.

The first activity of the year was the service day during opening weekend of school. There were 220 participants, 120 of those being freshman from POC groups, and 34 being faculty and staff. The orientation committee turned to Service Corps to provide the organization for the day. Students participated in a wide variety of activities; remodeling the Warkentin House, yard work at Kidron-Bethel and Wheatland Homes, sorting baby clothes at Heartland Pregnancy Center, painting at the Harvey County Historical Museum, weed whacking at Greenwood Cemetery, and repair of playground equipment at St. Mary's Catholic School. The day was quite a success and got the 1997-1998 year off to an excellent start.

Students also took service trips during both Fall and Spring Break. Over Fall Break, a group traveled to Mennonite Housing in Wichita and helped build a house. During Spring Break, a group traveled to San Antonio, Texas where they worked with the Salsa program. They stayed in La Casa de Marye y Marta and painted an inner city home.

Service Week, which occurred April 13 to April 18, was also a good opportunity for Bethel students. It was sponsored by Student Senate, under the direction of Student Senate President, David Andrew Kaufman. In the past, this form of service has been crammed into one day, but this year the senate approved us stretching it out over a week's time. This better accommodated student's schedules and preferences for work. Students were given a wide range of options

for service activities, such as the local schools, Prairie View, Youthville, or local homes.

A large variety of service opportunities were offered this year, and an exciting number of students, faculty, and staff participated. The Bethel College community was able to greatly enhance the larger community in a fun, service oriented way.



PAINTING IN THE CRACKS, Polly Niehage, sophomore from Moundridge.
Photo by Elissa Berndt



BLOOD DRIVE, Shana Goering, sophomore from Moundridge, gives of her time and blood at the Red Cross blood drive.
Photo by Sarah Thomsen

City of Newton

David Andrew Kaufman and Matt Krehbiel take us on a tour of Newton.

by Erica Coulter

The city of Newton is not typically applauded for its vast entertainment possibilities for college students. Many students rely on the short drive to Wichita for weekend activities. However, a little exploration and creativity can amend that problem.

Students can camp out at East or West lake, make midnight runs to Druber's, or relax at Newell's with a Charlie's Delight (consisting of a burger, fries, and shake).

According to junior Katelyn Hubert, "Going to Newell's at midnight takes us out of the vacuum of Bethel and reminds us of the real world."

For older students, nights at the Old Mill Bar are a possibility. For music lovers, Eat Your Vegetables occasionally hosts bands for live music entertainment. Other students find joy in unusual places.

Freshman Jared Gingerich has a unique source of amusement: "I like to go to Wal-Mart and play with the toys." Senior Tammy Sawatzky agrees having a Wal-Mart in Newton is a bonus. She said, "Wal-Mart is a definite advantage. I was here in the pre-Wal-Mart days. I also enjoy the relatively small community. It's certainly different than what I'm used to, but nice."

Other shops around town are also enjoyed by Bethel students. "I like to go to the Et Cetera Shop. It's my favorite shop in the whole wide world. I buy a lot of dresses there," said sophomore Sarah Kratzer. According to Junior Sarah Thomsen, "Heartland Natural Foods is neat."

But perhaps the allure of Newton is best summed up by senior Brandon Russell when he says, "It's got a lot of trains." Senior Libby Schrag agrees: "I like the trains."

WHAT'S IN HERE??

David and Matt must have made a wrong turn somewhere.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



TAKING A BREAK

David and Matt take a break and sit on a bench on Main Street.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



MMMM DONUTS Druber's the donut shop, is visited by several area college students for a late night study break.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



"EAT YOUR
VEGETABLES" David
and Matt take us to a
new restaurant in
Newton which caters
to vegetarians. Eat
Your Vegetables
features live
entertainment on the
weekends

*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



THE BUG David and
Matt take a
volkswagen to show us
the sights around
Newton.

*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



HEARTLAND NATURAL FOODS David and Matt
show us a Bethel favorite for food.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen

Birthday Bash

The President's birthday is a celebration of pancakes.

by Celina Wilson

It was hush, hush, on campus last fall around the time of the President's birthday. Students received notices in their mailboxes regarding a surprise birthday party for Doug Penner.

The party was held late one evening in the student center. It was a time of eating, laughing and conversation. Pancakes were the main course for the evening, served along with sausage, bacon, and drinks.

Penner's wife Raylene was responsible for getting him to the college without suspecting a thing. Well, it worked. To Penner's surprise the party was not only for him but he was to be the host for the evening. Penner along with other faculty and staff, put on aprons and began to fry pancakes for the entire student body. This party lasted several hours and people were welcome to come and go as they pleased.

By the time the evening was over students were stuffed full of pancakes and Penner was exhausted from cooking. Many student's commented, "This was a lot fun. I can hardly wait to see what the President will serve next year." Maybe next year we'll be feasting on steaks!

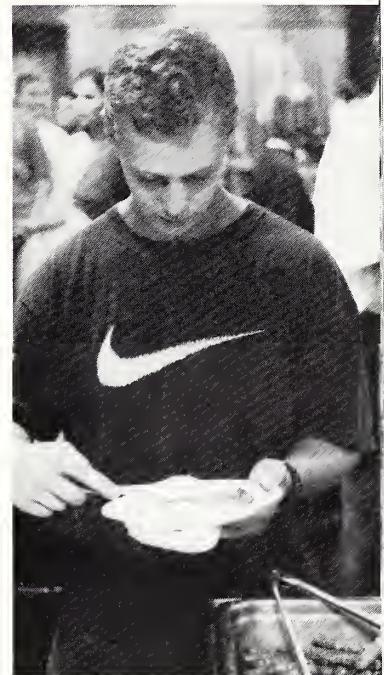


WAITING IN LINE: Many students and faculty came to celebrate and eat.

Photo by Monty Gruber



IT'S UNANIMOUS,
these guys think the
President's an
excellent cook.
*Photo by Monty
Graber*



READY TO EAT:
Brent Abrahams,
freshman from
Newton, butters his
pancake and serves
up some sausage to
eat.
*Photo by Monty
Graber*

HEY, BIRTHDAY BOY! President Doug Penner serves pancakes to students and faculty at Marriot. Penner spent the evening frying and serving pancakes.

Photo by Monty Gruber



NEED COFFEE?
Sherilyn Gruber and
Raylene Hinz-Penner
guard the coffee cups.
*Photo by Monty
Gruber*

Chapel Services

Chapel services filled by students and faculty this year.

by Katrina J. Matter

When we visited the chapel on orientation day, I remember campus pastor, Randy Smith, telling those of us who were new to Bethel, that for many of the students and faculty, the weekly chapel service is an essential part of their week. After attending the first several chapel services, I found that to be true for me also.

Chapel services provided a time to lay down the stresses, concerns, and praises of the week at the Lord's feet. In this way, Bethel also allowed for our work and our worship to be one. According to Dale Schrag, coordinator of chapel services, this is one of the philosophies behind chapel. Schrag explained his philosophy further by saying, "We should not leave our minds at the door when we walk into chapel, and we should not leave our faith at the door when we walk into the classroom."

Another philosophy Schrag and his staff focused on was that chapel is a part of Bethel's community worship, which includes students, faculty, and staff. In order for community worship to be possible, the chapel task force tried to find a balance between denominational beliefs so that all students can feel welcome.

A number of continuing traditions may have been noticed by those who attended chapel services this year. For example, candles were lit and placed into sand which represented "Prayers for the People of the World." The "Tenebrae" service was also similar to the communion services such as "Lent and Laughter" and "God is" These services were led by a group of students interested in incorporating camp-like praise songs into the chapel.

From the perspective of a non-Mennonite, chapel was also a place where denominations could be laid aside, and most could feel comfortable in the worship setting provided. I feel very blessed that Bethel College provides this opportunity, as well as the chance to allot time in our college schedules for worship services.

According to Celina Wilson, sophomore from Lebo, "Chapel is a great time to be with friends, worship God and have a break from daily routines."

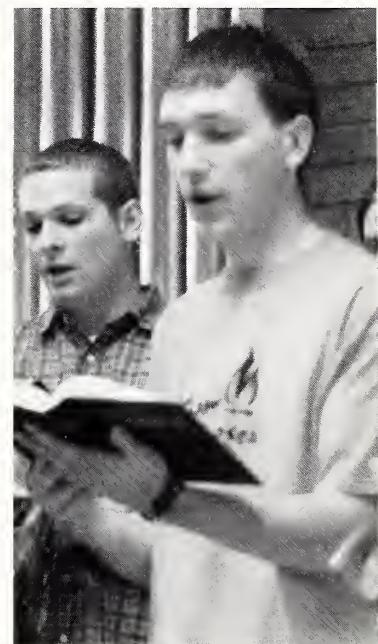


CHAPEL REVIEW: Brian Wiebe and Sarah Kratzer review some notes before chapel.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



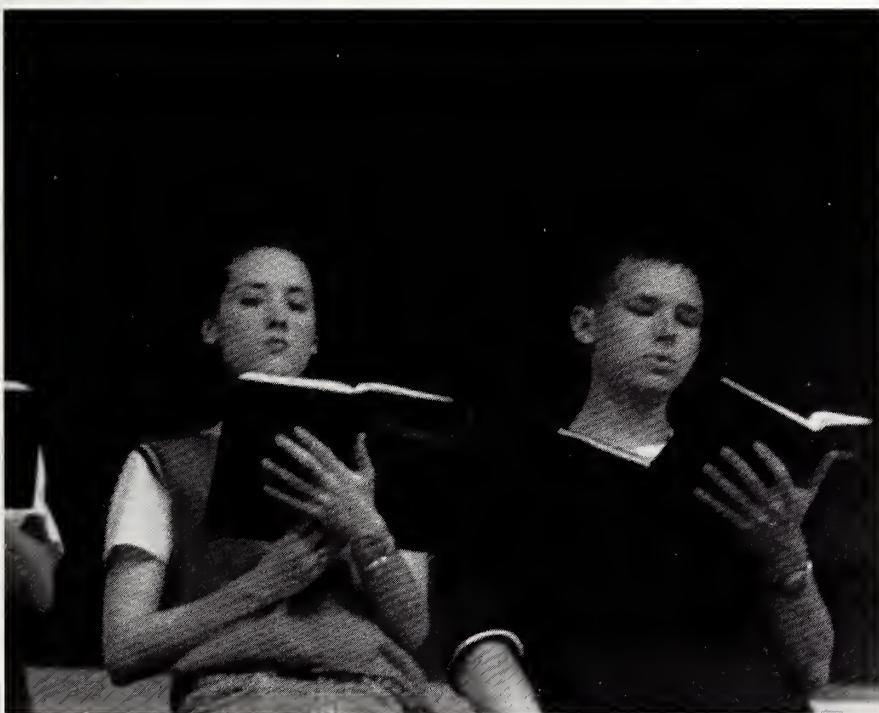
FRONT ROW SEATS Larissa Asher, junior from Ellinwood, and Nicole Unruh, junior from Greensburg, take front row seats at chapel. This year chapel was usually filled with students from the front row clear up to the balcony.

Photo by Monty Gruber



SPECIAL MUSIC AT CHAPEL: Nathan Stucky, junior from Kingman, performs with a special music selection.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



PRACTICING: The choir practices their music for chapel services

Photo by Monty Gruber

HYMNAL SINGING: Chapel is filled with a time of singing praise songs and hymns.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



PROFESSOR: Julie Hart finds it easier to meet up with students just prior or after chapel.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

BARBECUE. Students enjoy a barbecue outside the Student Center.
Photo by Monty Gruber



BEACH PARTY: The dance was held outside on the circle drive.
Photo by David Alan Kaufman



FUN CYCLES: Shana Goering and Vanessa Guete test their coordination and Bethel's on campus speed limits riding fun cycles
Photo by Monty Gruber



TUG OF WAR MUD PIT: Vanessa Leite, sophomore from Newton, was pulled across the line into the mud pit. The senior class showed their superiority and won this competition. Tug of war was followed by the Sandblast dance, wounding down the week-long festivities.
Photo by Sara Thomsen



TWISTER: Matt Watkins and Dayna Gritmacker show their flexibility at the twister tournament
Photo by Monty Gruber



Spring Fling

April 20-25, Spring Fling 1998: Sandblast.

by Ruth Harder

Spring Fling 1998: Sandblast. This was the motto for the annual Spring Fling event sponsored by SAB April 20-25. The week of sunshine and stress relievers gave students a chance to express their spring fever through participating in fun, competitive activities. The week-long schedule included a variety of events from music to sports, such as the Matt Wilson Jazz Quartet, softball and ultimate frisbee games.

To start off the week, a twister tournament was held outside the Administration Building on Monday night. On Tuesday afternoon, fun cycles appeared on campus for students to ride free of charge. Not only did the cycles test student's coordination, but also Bethel's on-campus speed limits. Many students, such as freshman Trisha Clark, rode the cycles throughout the day.

"It was a great way to burn off second-semester stress," Clark said.

Many students also participated in rousing rounds of Family Feud, Noggin Floggin' and Password throughout the week, while eating up free ice cream sundaes and barbeques.

President of SAB, Erica Graham, senior from Kansas city, felt Family Feud was a highlight in the week. "This was the first year for Family Feud, and SAB board put in on by themselves. It was a creative and cheap idea," Graham said. Saturday proved to be the busiest day of Spring Fling. To start the day, a softball tournament was held at the athletic park in Newton. The seniors won by one run in a close battle against the sophomores. After softball, classes went head to head in an ultimate frisbee tournament. Once again, the seniors came away with the win. The seniors defeated the sophomores, juniors, and freshmen by scores of 5-1, 5-0, and 5-1 respectively.

Matt Krehbiel, senior from Newton, attributed the seniors' success to "experience, superior diet, and

proper pre-game visualization."

Immediately following frisbee, many students participated in the mudpit tug of war, but once again, the seniors proved they were unbeatable in this year's Spring Fling, 1998.

After a day full of activities, the highlight for many students was the dance on Saturday night. It was held outside on the circle drive, which was filled with sand. Students had the option of playing volleyball, dancing, relaxing or playing limbo. Wichita's KKRD, from Wichita played music, while drinks and food were served by SAB.

Overall, Graham feels the week was a success. "The student response was positive even though it was close to the end of the year. I think those who participate felt it was worthwhile."



GAME SHOW: This group of men participate in Bethel's version of Noggin Floggin'. Photo by Monty Gruber



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In the Club

Students discover the many clubs and organizations Bethel has to offer at Club Fair.

by Kirk Boster

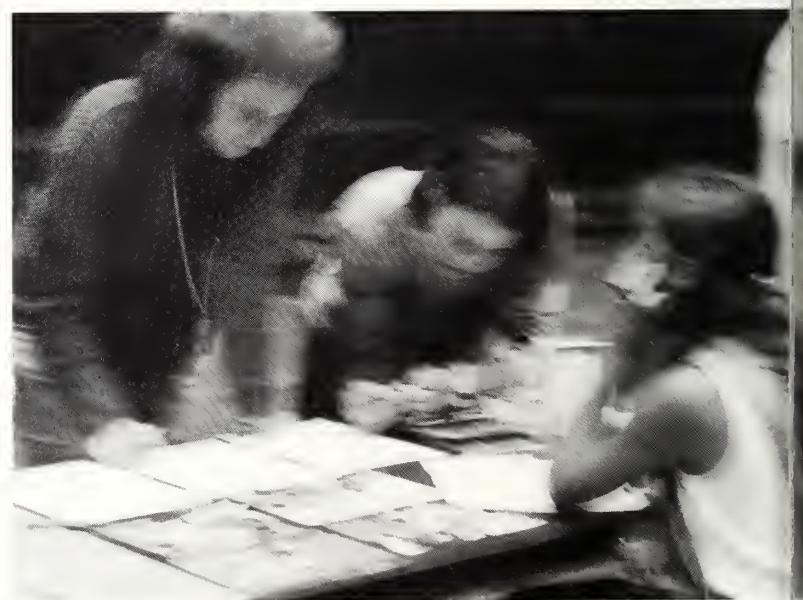
This year's Club Fair seemed to be overshadowed by the issue of club funding. This was the year that Senate acted on their plans to increase club commitment and accountability. A funding committee was set up with the new role of Secretary of Clubs assigned to Luke Shilts. Shilts serves as a "middleman" between the clubs and senate and helps to keep the communication lines open. Overall, senate is hoping to give every club more funding and to distribute funding evenly among the clubs. There was much emphasis put on club participation, yet the attendance at Club Fair was considered to be "sparse." Many clubs were on hand in an attempt to sign up prospective members, but numbers were noticeably down from last year. It was hard to pinpoint the reason for the attendance, but Neil Hamill offered the theory that the attendance "wasn't representative of campus involvement of clubs." Despite the attendance, Bethel still had a super year with clubs.



VANESSA GUETE,
sophomore from
Hesston, takes
advantage of club fair
opportunities.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*

CHESS MONSTERS,
Aaron Christopher,
junior from Falun and
Robert Shipley,
sophomore from from
Lebo, sign up Chris
Friesen freshman from
Goshen, Ind.

*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



SHOULD I SHOULDN'T I:
Junior Kelly Mick from
Newton and sophomore
Susan Gaeddert from
Georgetown, KY., look
over club materials to find
out which clubs they might
sign up with. *Photo by
Robin Linscheid*

POLLY NIEHAGE,
sophomore from
Moundridge takes time
to speak with various
club representatives.

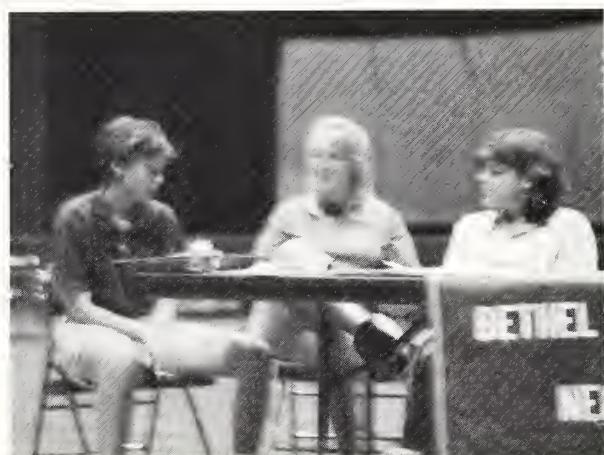
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SIGNING UP: Mitch
Isaac, senior from
Whitewater gives in to
Brad Quiring senior
from Hesston and
decides to sign up for
the Amnesty
International Club.
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Linscheid*



SHOWING OFF, David
Andrew Kaufman,
senior from Newton
and Sarah Thomsen,
junior from Bluffton,
Ind. set up their table
in preparation for club
fair
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



CLUB
REPRESENTATIVES,
Senior Becky Klassen
from Newton, Marie
Corpe-Gaeddert senior
from Norwood, Mo.,
take time to tell
students about their
club.
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Special Interest

Special Interest Clubs and Organizations active all over Bethel Campus

WEINER ANYONE: Senior, Mark Fretz helps by serving food at Fall Fest for the German Club.

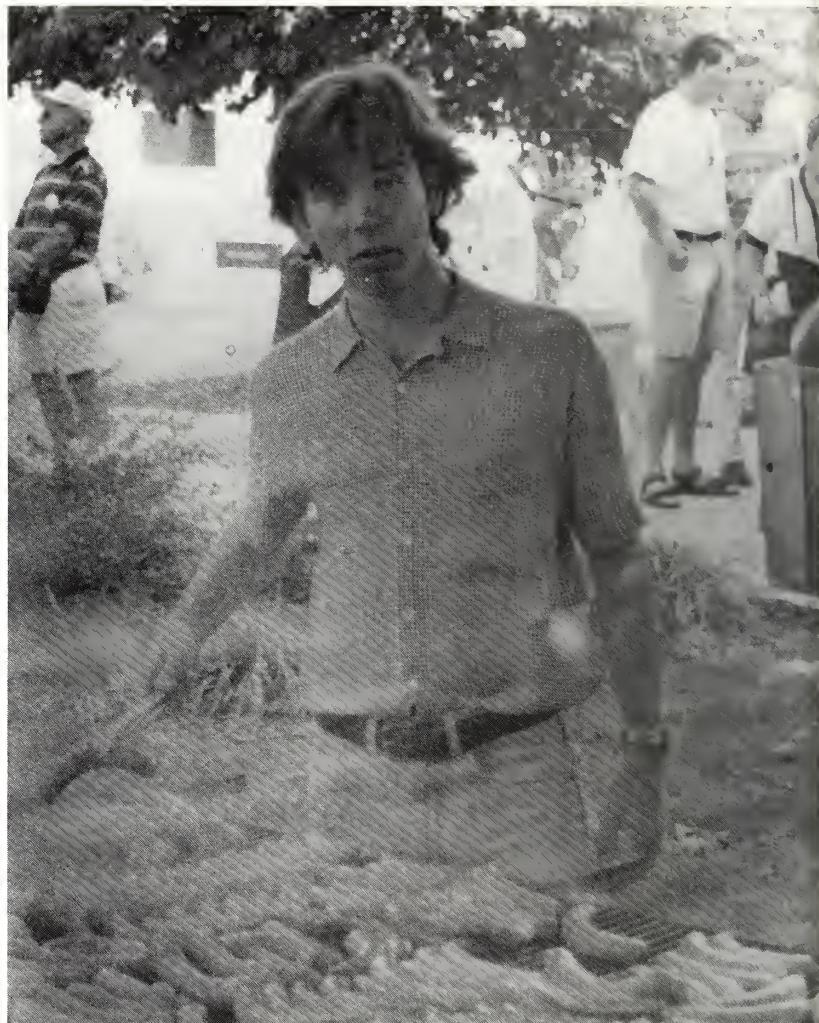
Photo by Dan Wilson

KBCU: Campus radio station broadcasts outside the Fine Arts Building during Fall Fest
Photo by Robin Linscheid



CONFLICT
MANAGEMENT
GROUP: Front row:
Sarah Weber,
Palwasha Kakar,
Rachel Stutzman,
Larrisa Asher, Allison
Schmidt Back row: Liz
Harder, Aisatou
Ngong, Julie Hart,
Blake Wedel
Photo by Sarah Thomsen

MATH CLUB: Front
row: Preston Berger,
Monica Meissen, Hahn
Bach, Tai Schmotzer,
Back row: Phil Graber,
Amon Kapoor, Richard
Rempel, David L..
Kaufman
Photo by Sarah Thomsen





CLIO CLUB: Front
row: Tom Taylor,
Sonya Cooper,
Tammy Sawatsky Back
row: Matt Maltsberger,
Jacob Reid,
Matt Watkins, James
Juhnke
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



ART CLUB: wasn't
very active this year.
Their main focus was
preparing for the
Student Show.
Photo by Jen Stoll



HUNGRY: Ethan King,
senior from Newton,
helps himself to some
German food.
Photo by Jen Stoll



RADIO TUNES: Jesse
Riffie, sophomore
from Sadieville, Ken.,
poses for a picture
during her KBCU radio
show.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*

SAA & SAB

SAA & SAB sponsor several activities.

by Celina Wilson

Student Alumni Association (SAA):

"SAA is an organization which represents the Alumni Association on campus. It helps students connect with alumni and students who will become alumni when they graduate", states Virgil Penner, SAA faculty advisor.

This year's SAA organization had 37 active members. Serving in special organizational roles were: President—Joanna Friesen Parks, Vice-President—Kim Goering, and Secretary—LeAyre Siemens.

Several events were sponsored by SAA this year, which included: Taste of Newton, Fall Fest, Parent's Day, Career Night, SAA Bonfire, Parent/Family Weekend, Grandparents' Day, Mud Slam Volleyball, and Senior Week.

This year SAA started the Ambassador Program. This means SAA members will give tours and host prospective students for the Admissions Department. We will see more of this on campus in years to come.

Student Activities Board (SAB):

SAB proposed a new format for the year which had much to do with getting the school more involved with activities, providing more activities for the students and providing activities for prospective students. Erica Graham, senior from Kansas City, said that she would like to see new activities at the college.

Special roles held by SAB members this year included: Graham—Chair, Alison Schmidt—Vice Chair, Jill Schmidt—Secretary, Matt Watkins—Coordinator of the General Board, and Nathan Stucky and Pat Flaming—Co-coordinators of communication.

Various activities sponsored by SAB this year included: Anything Goes, Winter Frolic, Spring Fling, Halloween Costume Dance, Bowling Night at Eastgate Lanes, etc.

To sum up SAB's goal for the year Graham said, "We were hoping to promote more participation from students and faculty this year."



SAA GROUP PHOTO: Jennifer Scott, Preston Barger, Pat Flaming, Curtis Guhr, Sarah Nitzsche, Jody Schrag. Second row: Chad Childs, Erica Graham, Amy Ulrich, Andrea Yoder, Staci Goosen, LeAyre Siemens, Kim Goering, Matt Watkins. Third row: Joanna Friesen, Kari Lindeman-Stucky, Shana Goering, Brandi Regier, Nicole Unruh, Elizabeth Berndt. Back row: Todd Zerger, Brian Zerger, Jason Peters

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



DO THE LIMBO. Several students take their turn trying to make it under the limbo stick at an event sponsored by SAB.

Photo by David Alan Kaufman

BAR-B-QUE: Home made ice cream is served during a cookout sponsored by SAB.

Photo by Monty Gruber



DOWN AND DIRTY: SAA sponsored their annual Mud Slam May 2, 1998. The co-ed volleyball tournament was held behind Warkentin Court.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



GO TEAM, WIN!!! SAA sponsored numerous pep rallies and bonfires this year, to help boost team spirit on campus

Photo by Robin Linscheid

MUD SLAM '98: After a tough game, this team poses for a picture. Polly Niehage, Todd Zerger, Curtis Guhr, Crysta Hill, Karen Hill, and Mark Fretz.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



STOP THE MUSIC, TIME FOR A PICTURE: SAB sponsors a Spring Fling Dance to finish off the week.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



SAB BOWLING NIGHT: for weekend activities SAB sponsored bowling for Bethel students at Eastgate Lanes in November.

Photo by Halley Chan



FUNDRAISING FOR SAA: At Fall Fest SAA set up a booth to sell homemade ice cream. This was one of the largest fund raiser for the club.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



ANYTHING GOES: Once again SAB held their annual Anything Goes competition. Here we have the pyramid chugging contest.

Photo by Robin Linscheid

Service Clubs

Service Corps and Circle K involves campus with a variety of service opportunities near and far.

by Celina Wilson

Service Corps: Service Corps is an organization on campus that plans and promotes service opportunities for the entire campus.

One major event sponsored by Service Corps this year, was an organized Spring Break Service Trip to San Antonio, Texas from March 21-28. Other sponsored activities included: the Fall Service retreat (Oct. 19-20), Highway clean, and meat canning with Mennonite Central Committee.

Campus pastor Randy Smith served as the advisor for Service Corps this year. According to Smith, "Service Corps receives money from an endowment established by a Bethel alumnus to underwrite service projects by Bethel students. These projects are to be of a similar vein as Mennonite Disaster Service projects."

Service Corps is planning some changes for next year. They are hoping to have regular meetings with a planning committee. Again they are hoping to organize a Spring Break Service Trip for Bethel students.

Circle K: Circle K is a group affiliated with the Kiwanis Club and also the Key Club, a service club on the high school level.

This club serves to promote both service and leadership among students as well has have a connection with the wider community.

Some activities Circle K has participated in include: helping paint a house for Interfaith Ministries, Christmas Caroling at Kidron Bethel, sponsoring a "mitten tree" for donations of winter clothes to the Salvation Army, and ringing a bell at north Dillons for Salvation Army during the Christmas Season.

According to Ryan Skillingstad, freshman from Sandy, Ore., "I was active in Key Club for four years in high school. It seemed like the next natural step to join

Circle K in college."

Both groups, Service Corps and Circle K, are devoted to service for the outside community and depend on volunteers from the campus.

PRESIDENTIAL
DUTY: Even President
Doug Penner got in on
the action on Service
Day. Photo by
Haylie Chau

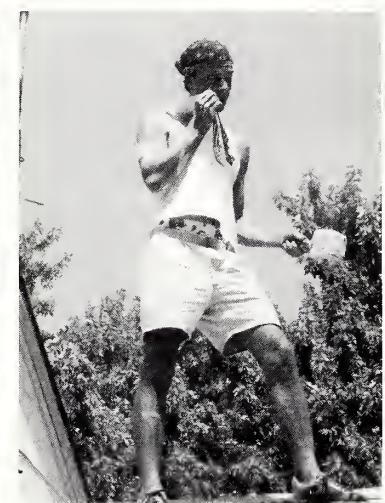


I LOVE SERVICE
DAY!! Senior Mitch
Isaac, from
Whitewater, spends a
sunny afternoon
volunteering time for
service. Photo by
Matt Krehbiel





AT YOUR SERVICE!
Meredith Stucky,
senior from
Moundridge learns the
value of service during
a long but rewarding
Service Day on
Tuesday of
Orientation. *Photo*
by Matt Krehbiel



BOWLING FOR KIDS SAKE. Polly Niehage, Shana Goering, and Joseph Sawatzky relax and enjoy some pizza while taking a break from bowling.
Photo by Haylle Chau



DID I MISS A SPOT? David Alan Kaufman, senior Art Major from Windom, uses his expertise in painting to help paint a house for a needy family.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN! Alison Lee Schmidt, junior from Wichita, prepares to throw a strike as a fundraiser for "Bowl for Kids Sake".
Photo by Haylle Chau

FACE OF FRUSTRATION: Keith Hiebner, freshman from Henderson, Neb., throws another gutter ball while volunteering some time with "Bowl for Kids Sake."
Photo by Haylle Chau

PAINTING Krista Voth, senior from Topeka, and Melissa Stucky, junior from Moundridge, put in a day of painting bleachers.
Photo by Haylle Chau

Sports Clubs

Baseball Club and Cheerleading Squad.

by Celina Wilson

Baseball Club: The Baseball Club members dusted off their gloves and began practicing the first week in March. This year, 19 Bethel men were willing to spend each afternoon practicing or playing in games. With 14 returning players from last year, the team had high hopes. Despite a discouraging 0-9 season last year, the Bethel squad seemed to be optimistic about this season.

Due to bad weather the Threshers were unable to take the field of their first scheduled game against Central College. Since baseball is a club sport at Bethel, any game where the weather is too bad to play will be cancelled.

The Bethel baseball team's season finally got under way April 6, 1998. The team was shut out by the Hesston College Larks, losing by a final score of 8-0. In this opening game, Bethel struggled from the plate managing to get on base only three times the entire ball game.

The Bethel Club ended their season this year with a record of 0-6. Due to the unpredictable weather several games were canceled this season.

According to team player Brian Zerger, sophomore from Newton, "Matt Koontz was probably the only person who was consistent with the bat all season". Troy Morris, senior from Kemp, Texas, also hit several home runs during the season.

Cheerleaders: This year's cheerleading squad was composed of five members ranging from senior to freshmen. These members included Jill Schmidt-senior, Larissa Asher-junior, Tammy Ratzlaff-sophomore, Joni Johnson-freshman, and Rebecca Friesen-freshman.

The cheerleaders worked hard raising money to cover traveling expenses and new uniforms for next year. They were also able to get club funding from student senate which was a major accomplishment for them.

Next year, the cheerleading squad is looking to expand its membership to eight cheerleaders. They are also working toward having performances during half-times at games.



CHEERLEADERS GROUP PICTURE (Left to Right): Larissa Asher, Tammy Ratzlaff, Jill Schmidt, Rebecca Friesen, and Joni Johnson.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



BASEBALL GAME: Finally the team is able to play with favorable conditions. This year's unpredictable weather has interrupted the team's short season several times. *Photo by Sarah Thomsen*



NEW
CHEERLEADER?
Pablo Ceres from
Pamplona Spain, joins
the cheerleaders to
cheer on the men's
Basketball team.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel

PITCHER Chris Koehn, senior from Hesston, is in his second year of pitching for the Bethel baseball club. This years team worked hard to improve last year's 0-9 record.

Photo by David Alan Kaufman



GROUND BALL David L. Kaufman, senior from Overland Park, reaches down to catch an incoming ground ball.
Photo by David Alan Kaufman

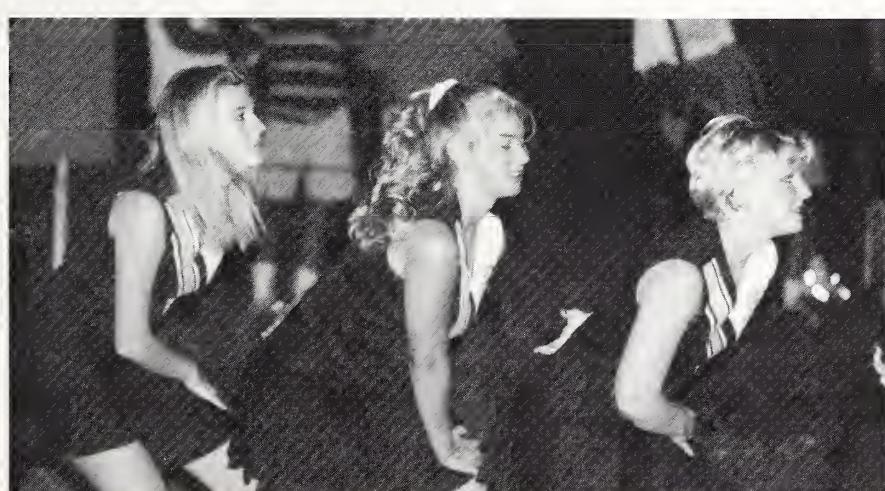
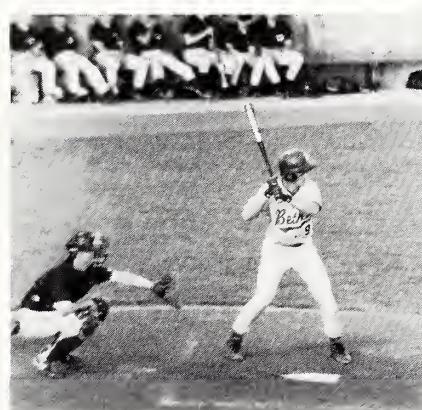


CHEERLEADERS PERFORMANCE: Rebecca Friesen, Joni Johnson, and Jill Schmidt perform a dance routine. *Photo by David Alan Kaufman*



HOME RUN: Matt Koontz, senior from Ronks, Pa., swings at a pitch during practice while seniors Brandon Carter and Troy Morris, look on.
Photo by David Alan Kaufman

SWING BATTER BATTER... Matt Koontz, senior from Newton, stands at the plate in this year's final baseball game. *Photo by David Alan Kaufman*



GO TEAM GO! Cheerleader Joni Johnson, Tammy Ratzlaff, and Rebecca Friesen lead the fans in cheers at another football game. This year's squad was made up of five cheerleaders.
Photo by Hahn Bach

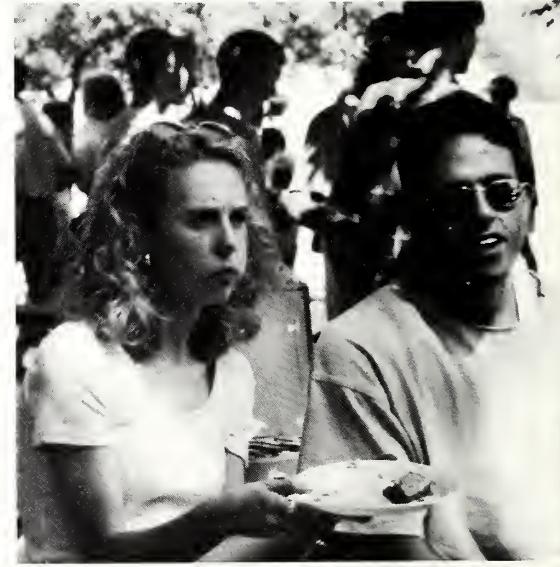
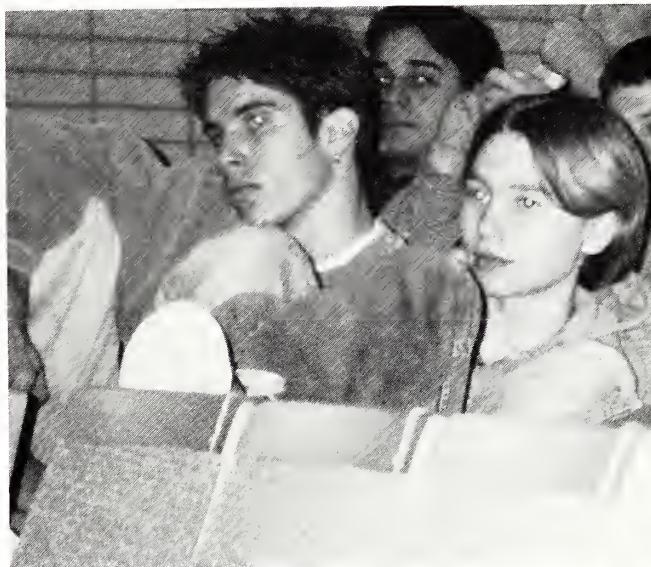
**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**
Group photo (Left to Right) Tai Schmotzer, Hahn Bach, Alison M. Schmidt, Robin Linscheid, Marion Deckert, Brad Quiring, Sarah Weber, Lois Deckert, Merle Schlabough, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Kathy Harder.
Photo David Alan Kaufman



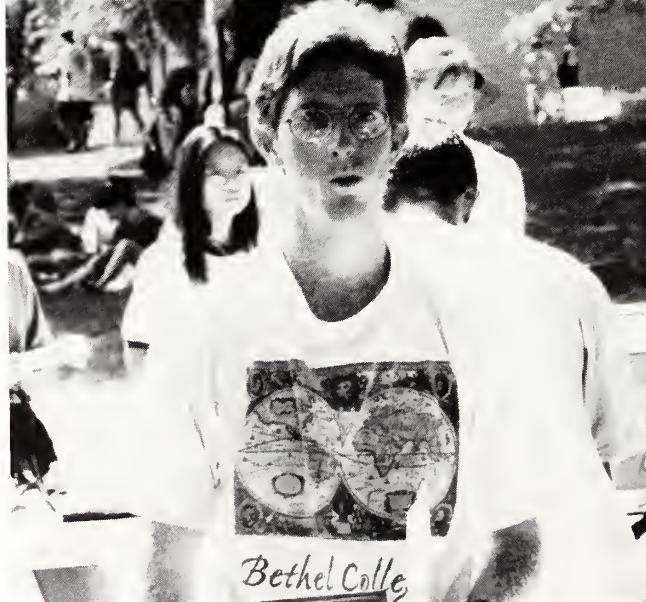
WRITE-A-THON: Jesse Gruber, junior from Newton, attended an amnesty international meeting to write letters
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



**CONVO PRESENTED
BY INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT CLUB**
Students enjoy a convo presented by ISC, which informed students of the ethnic diversity presented on campus.
Photo by Monty Gruber



**FALL FEST
INTERNATIONAL
CLUB BOOTH**: Stuart Isaac, sophomore from Whitewater, waits in line to be served food from the International Club Booth.
Photo by Daniel Wilson



EATING: One tradition in ISC is sampling foreign foods, from various club member's countries
Photo by Robin Linscheid



ISC CLUB PRESIDENT LOLEM NGONG, senior from Cameroon serves a variety of international foods at ISC's Fall Fest Booth.
Photo by Robin Linscheid

World Awareness

Amnesty International & International Student Club.

Amnesty International: Amnesty International is an international organization that promotes and fights for human rights. As an organization, the main purpose is to work for people whose own rights have been infringed upon. Often they are working to allow prisoners who have been incarcerated due to political beliefs a fair trial. They also work to allow prisoners visitation rights from family members.

On campus, the organization consists of about 30 members who meet once a month in the Ad Building. Their main activity is writing letters. The group receives information from the international organization about different cases and then writes numerous letters to the government officials in question, the U.S. government, and the prisoners themselves.

According to Brad Quiring, a senior from Hesston, "I don't think we're asking them to open prison doors and let all the prisoners free. We're just trying to give people access to their rights to a fair trial and visitation from family and friends. In the U.S. these are things we tend to take for granted."

International Student Club: The International Student Club (ISC) serves as a way for students to come together to learn more about each other's cultures as well as their own.

"As an example of diversity the club is a roll model. The group is accepting of all interested people and cares about what happens to its members," says Lois Deckert, club advisor.

This year, several countries were represented by approximately 35 students. Some countries represented include: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Cameroon, China, France, Germany,

Guatemala, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, and U.S.

Special roles held in this club include: President—Lolem Ngong; Secretary—Haylle Chau; Student Senate Representative—Ardijan Hasangjekaj (1st semester), Zeina Ghaoui (2nd semester).

Aman Kapoor, senior from New Delhi, India, "This club has a good community of people. We always have a really great time together. And, the food is really great, too."



AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL
WRITE-A-THON:
Jared Gingerich,
freshman from Sioux
City, Iowa, writes
several letters during
the write-a-thon.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



SERVING FOOD TO
RAISE CLUB MONEY:
Ken-ichi Calderon-
Kawasaki, points to the
diversity of food at
ISC's Fall Fest Booth.
*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*

NATHAN STUCKY, junior from Kingman, plays some tunes on his saxophone for the Earth Day Concert. Several Bethel students and faculty showed their musical talents that afternoon.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



EAC CLUB MEMBERS: Jennifer Janzen, Annaken Toews, Sarah Thomsen, Jesse Graber. Front row: Andrea Yoder, Shana Goering, Sandie Sims, David Andrew Kaufman, Robin Linscheid, Iris Overstreet, Jennifer Reese. *Photo by David Alan Kaufman*



SAND CREEK EAC & BEST keep a close eye on the renovations happening at Sand Creek and around campus. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*



EARTH DAY CONCERT: Students enjoyed a Saturday afternoon listening to live music being played on the green in celebration of Earth Day. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*

FUNDRAISING: Melissa Tieszen senior from Wellington, and Andrea Yoder junior from Kalona, Iowa sell tie dye T-shirts at the Fall Fest booth. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*



Environmental Clubs & Taskforce

EAC and BEST work hard to educate Bethel about environmental awareness and sensitivity.

by Celina Wilson

Environmental Action Club (EAC)/Bethel Environmental Stewardship Taskforce (BEST): this year Bethel has been bombarded with new ideas and methods on being environmentally friendly.

On the weekend of September 18-20, two Bethel students, Jen Reese, senior from Norwood, Mo., and Marie Corpe-Gaedeert, senior from Newton, attended the second annual greening of the Campus Conference held this year at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. There they explored the opportunities for college and university campuses to provide environmental awareness and sensitivity. Between the two of them they sat in on over 40 seminars.

One major project taken on by BEST has been monitoring the amounts of water being used in each of the dormitories on campus for the last three years. They sent representatives to hall and mod meetings and posted informational signs. The statistics from this academic year averaged lower than the last, showing improvement in the conservation of water. All of the dorms have been under the national average of 50 gallons per person per day—a first for Bethel.

BEST also held their second annual environmental tour of homes on April 25.

This year EAC held an Earth Day Concert on the green. Students and faculty were invited to participate by playing or just to relax and enjoy the music.

Robbi Long, junior from Wheeling, W. Va., feels, "Aside from pursuing individual projects, perhaps Bethel should make the commitment to environmental stewardship by creating an environmental policy that reflects Bethel's mission statement."



SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDERS MAKES ME HAPPY... Senior Sam Heiks from Appleton, Wis., enjoys an afternoon of listening to music at the Earth Day celebration. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*



ELIZABETH SCHRAG, junior from Newton helps watch over the Fall Fest booth. This year EAC, in conjunction with Peace Club, sold hand made hemp jewelry to raise money for the year. *Photo by Jen Stoll*

Peace Club

Peace Club numbers increase dramatically.

by Ruth Harder

Peace—a familiar word on Bethel College campus. Whether you walk through the dorms, attend convo or are involved in a peace organization, peace is emphasized at Bethel.

One place where peace is put into action at Bethel is in the Peace Club. Led by president, Libby Schrag, junior from North Newton, the peace club extended its arms in many ways this year, embracing new ideas and opportunities.

With about 40 to 50 members, Schrag said the peace club tried to meet once a month in order to do future planning or have small group discussions.

To start off the year, the peace club did a fund-raiser at Fall Fest in October. The money raised went into a fund, which was used later for public speakers, conventions and conferences.

The first lecture the Peace club attended was at Bethany College, in Lindsborg, Kan. there, they listened to Nobel Peace Laureates, which are the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize. As follow up to this lecture, the Peace Club held several discussions in order for Bethel students to voice their thoughts and opinions.

Schrag said the highlight of the year was when members of the Peace Club attended the annual Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship 1998 Conference at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia.

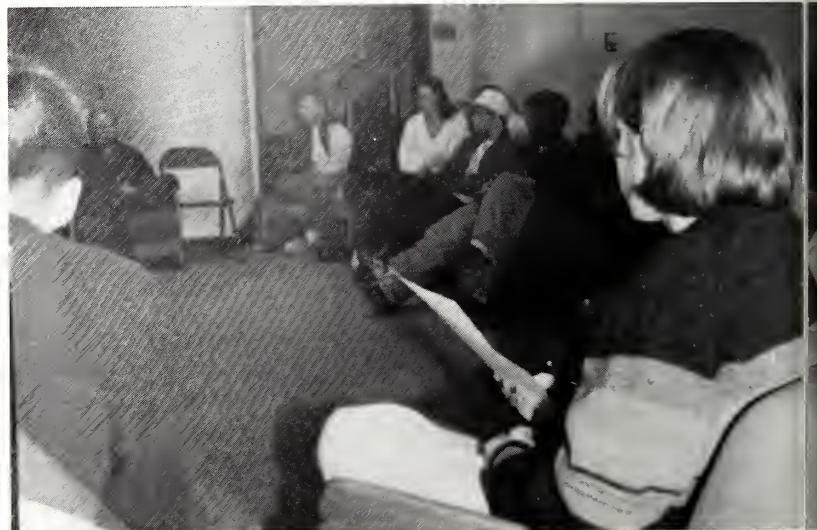
Bethel students who participated joined students from other Mennonite colleges in the March 12 through 15 conference.

During the conference, members attended various seminars, discussion groups and other activities dealing with this year's theme of "Reconciliation: When Justice Meets Peace."

Overall, Schrag feels this conference, along with other events, gave Peace Club members more energy

and a new goal for this organization.

"This year the club grew significantly in membership. It was exciting to see such enthusiastic participation and I think the goal for next year will be to make our presence more known on campus," said Schrag.



PEACE CLUB, held meetings about once a month in order to do planning and have small group discussions. Photo by David Alan Kaufman



PEACE
CONFERENCE, Matt
Goering,
junior from Boulder
Colo., and Sadie Sims,
sophomore from
Fredonia, are two of 18
students who travel to
Virginia.
Photo by Robin
Linscheid



DAVID GROSSMAN spoke at Krehbiel Auditorium as part of the Peace Lecture Series. Afterwards he was available to autograph his book, "On Killing, the Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Peace". *Photo by Haylle Chau*

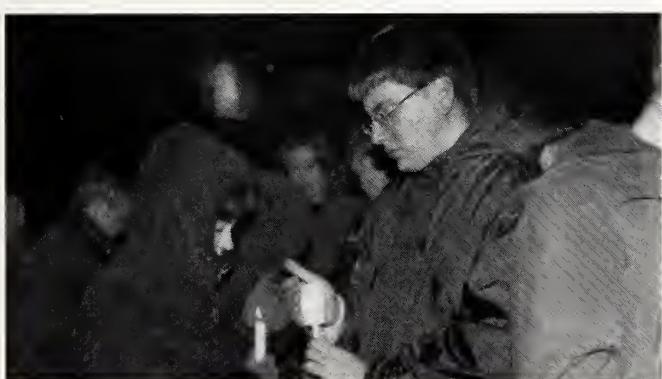


PEACE CLUB MEMBER, Lisa Thimm, freshman from Beatrice, Neb., has attended various peace club lectures and events this year at Bethel as well as the trip to Eastern Mennonite University. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*

PALWASHA KAKAR, junior from Moundridge participates in a community-wide candle light and prayers for peace service in Iraq. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*



CIRCLE OF LIGHT, Here Kara Dixon, freshman from Topeka and Monty Gruber, freshman from Hesston, take part in the candle prayer group in front of the Newton Court House. *Photo by Rachel Schrag*



FALL FEST BOOTH Jamie Jantz, sophomore from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, watches over Peace Club booth. This year Peace Club, in conjunction with EAC, sold hand made hemp jewelry to raise money for the up coming year. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*



STUDENTS AND FACULTY gathered in Haury Hall lounge to discuss information and reactions concerning the crisis in the Middle East. *Photo by David Alan Kaufman*

SOPHOMORE CLASS
senator Owens from
Hesston, voices his
ideas at a student
senate meeting.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



VICE PRESIDENT
Brandon Russel,
senior from
Coldwater, heads up
another senate
meeting.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



OUT WITH THE OLD
IN WITH THE NEW A
portion of the newly
elected senators for
the '98-'99 school pose
for a shot on the
green.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



VOTING FOR
SENATORS, freshman
Kate Mueller from
Appleton, Wis., take
time to vote for next
years sophomore
senators.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



SENIOR SENATORS Mitch Isaac, from Whitewater, and Matt Krehbiel, from North Newton, served on various committees to help improve things at Bethel for future students. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*



POSING ABOVE are '98-99 Student Body president
Matt Watkins and vice president Robert Shipley.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



EPC (Educational Policy Committee) agreed to allow Student Senate meetings to be worth one-half convo credit to those students who attend. *Photo by Robin Linscheid*



PICTURED HERE are two junior class student representatives, Katie Dick from Blooming Ill., and Jennifer Janzen from Fresno, Calif.
Photo by Robin Linscheid

Student Senate

This year student senate operates under a new constitution modeled after the U.S. constitution.

by Erica Coulter

Thanks to the involvement and dedication of many individuals, the body of student government operated under an entirely new constitution this year. Ross Mussellman, student body president during 1996-97, David Andrew Kaufman student body president for this year, Matt Watkins and Roy Cornett are noted as key players in this major shift.

The new constitution is modeled after the Constitution of the United States and is divided into branches which provide an intricate system of checks and balances.

The executive cabinet is responsible for carrying out certain aspects of student life. These officers are appointed by the student body president and include leaders of organizations such as SAB, The Collegian and the yearbook, among others.

The legislative branch is composed of the senators. One of their jobs is to approve the clubs students want to initiate and to determine funding for clubs and organizations.

Governmental checks and balances are provided in the constitutional responsibilities. The executive oversight committee was also created to monitor the activities of the executive cabinet.

Operating under a new constitution proved to be an arduous task. Many of the bills passed this year were necessary to fine-tune the new system.

According to Brandon Russell, student body vice president, "The true test of what happened in government this year will come next year."

Sarah Kratzer, sophomore representative, remarks, "I really appreciate senate because they are responsible

for the funding of activities and organization for the student body. This holds a great potential."

Evidently, that great potential is not always used to its full extent.

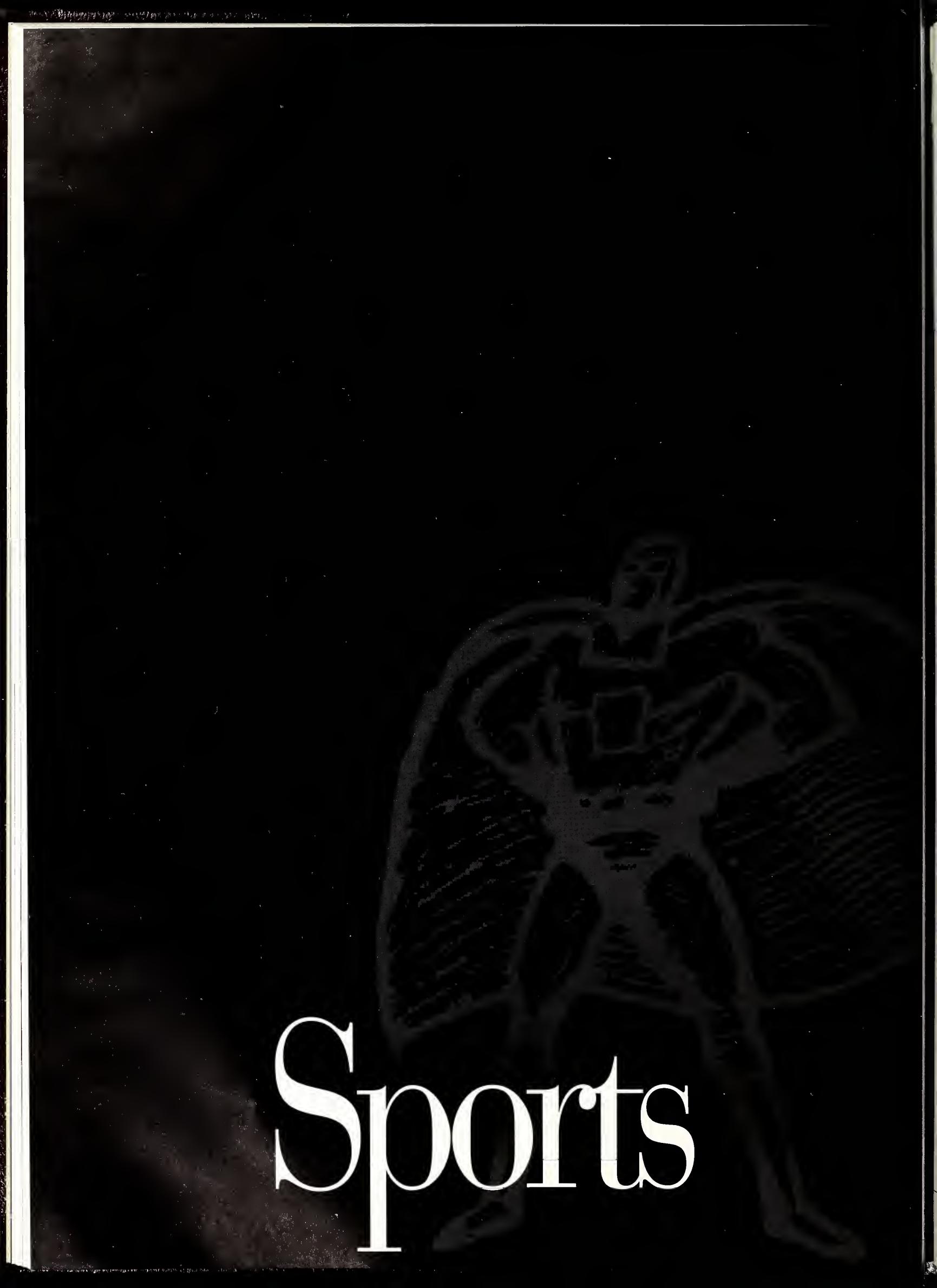
In the meantime, it appears the hard work has paid off and senate is operating efficiently under the new system.



VOTE FOR ME! Student Body president David Andrew Kaufman, senior from Newton, encourages students to vote for next years senate representatives.
Photo by Robin Linscheid



SERVICE WEEK involved many more students and faculty thanks to work of student senate. They designed a way that allowed more students to participate. Photo by Robin Linscheid



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Turn Around

Volleyball season takes a drastic upward swing after hosting the Bethel Classic.

by Ruth Harder

The 1997 Thresher volleyball season was full of ups and downs. Despite being plagued by injuries and a limited roster, the Bethel volleyball team managed to win a number of matches this season. The Thresher women claimed 19 wins and 15 losses overall and a third place finish in the KCAC regular season. They also finished second place in the post-season tournament.

After starting the season with a 3-8 record the volleyball team fought back to finish the last two-thirds of the season on a 16-7 run as well as winning seven of the last eight matches of the season.

Senior Karen Hill, from Sedgwick, believes it was a great season overall. "In the beginning of the season we had to get used to a freshman setter and a lot of new faces, but once we got to know each other we had a great time," said Hill.

The thresher women advanced in the post season tournament by first defeating Friends University and then Kansas Wesleyan University in five games, but eventually lost to conference champion Sterling College. Bethel was able to avenge their regular season losses to Kansas Wesleyan when they defeated them in the second round. Senior Kari Stucky-Lindeman, from Moundridge, believes this win was the highlight of the season. She said, "We stuck together through everything this season and we peaked at just the right time."

Freshman Trish Clark, from Wichita, also feels good about the season and is already looking forward to next year. "The seniors were awesome this year and I will miss them a lot. I think we will still have a strong nucleus returning, so if we work hard and have fun we will have another great season," said Clark.

"This tells you the work ethic and personalities that I was blessed to have on my squad this year and my senior leadership from Kari, Karen, Crysta, and Jenny will be

greatly missed. It has been a pleasure working with these four very talented, quality student-athletes," said coach Bev Mayer.

The Thresher women received two unanimous KCAC selections in Hill and Lindeman-Stucky. Bethel also claimed the Freshman-of-the-Year award in Clark. KCAC Co-player-of-the-Year was Stucky-Lindeman who also collected repeated honors as KCAC Player-of-the-Week and Great Plains Region Player-of-the-Week.



SENIOR, Kari Stucky-Lindeman from Newton, was named the women's Thresher Athlete-of-the-year.

Photo by Jen Stoll



COACH, Bev Mayer says, After a slow start, I was excited about how the team progressed...

Photo by Keith Hiebner



A VIEW OF THE BENCH, shows the whole team's support and excitement as Bethel makes another strong kill.

Photo by Jen Stoll



THE TEAM Back Row:
Chad Schilling, Kari
Stucky-Lindeman,
Jennifer Scott, Karen
Hill, Crysta Hill, Karlye
Pope Front Row:
Melisa Funk, Carrie
Penner, Riann Hill,
Sarah Bergkamp,
Trisha Clark, Shelese
Stucky, Stephani
Friesen, and Coach
Bev Mayer.



BUMP, SET SPIKE

Karen Hill, gets in ready position to take on another serve.

Photo by Jen Stoll



CHEER, The team leaves the court after racking up another win for Bethel. This win helped the team end the season in 3rd place for the year.

Photo by Jen Stoll

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volleyball Scoreboard</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Record</u>
Sept. 6		Nebraska Wesleyan	0-1
Sept. 6		York College	1-1
Sept. 6		Simpson College	1-2
Sept. 10		Sterling College	1-3
Sept. 13		Southern Nazarene	2-3
Sept. 16		Ottawa University	3-3
Sept. 18		Kansan Wesleyan University	3-4
Sept. 19		Missouri Valley	3-5
Sept. 20		William Jewel	3-6
Sept. 20		Lindenwood	3-7
Sept. 20		Missouri Baptist	3-8
Sept. 26		Southern Nazarene	4-8
Sept. 26		Midland Lutheran	5-8
Sept. 27		Benedictine College	6-8
Sept. 27		Concordia College	6-9
Sept. 27		Midland Lutheran	7-9
Sept. 30		Tabor College	8-9
Oct. 2		Southwestern College	9-9
Oct. 7		Friends University	10-9
Oct. 9		Bethany College	10-10
Oct. 13		Sterling College	10-11
Oct. 15		Ottawa University	11-11
Oct. 17		McPherson College	12-11
Oct. 21		Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	12-12
Oct. 24		Bellevue University	12-13
Oct. 25		College of St. Mary	12-14
Oct. 27		Tabor College	13-14
Oct. 29		Southwestern College	14-14
Nov. 1		McPherson College	15-14
Nov. 4		Friends University	16-14
Nov. 6		Bethany College	17-14
Nov. 12		Friends University	18-14
Nov. 15		Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	19-14
Nov. 15		Sterling College	19-15

Keeping Focused

The football team struggled at first this year, but regained focus to end the season 5-5.

by Kelly Simmons and Celina Wilson

The 1997 season was a "year of change" for the football team. Coach George Papageorgiou, Instructor of Health Management and Human Ecology, feels this year's team was very young and suffered through many growing pains this season.

Early this year the team lost its first two games against Concordia and Ottawa, which left the team with a 0-2 record going up against McPherson. This game showed evidence that the team never gave up because they played strong to bring home a win of 34-19.

Even though things were a little shaky in the beginning, Bethel ended the season with a good taste in its mouth. Coach Papageorgiou states that, "the team never lost focus this year, and that's why we finished strong." Bethel was on a roll after playing Tabor. Bethel won that game with a score of 34-5. The team had a total of 273 passing yards to Tabor's 42 which aided in Bethel's victory.

Bethel lost a lot of seniors from last year's team, so there were a lot of new faces on the field this year. Coach Papageorgiou feels that, "this year's nucleus is the most talent we have seen since I've coached here."

Joining the young team this year was freshman quarterback, Brent Martens from Haven. Martens received second team in the 1997 KCAC Football All-Conference for quarterback and Offensive Game MVP against Friends University and Midland Lutheran College. "Overall the season had its ups and downs. Although we came out even, I feel the team came together which will make us even tougher next season," says Martens.

Many players on the team received recognition as

MVP players. Offensive MVP players were: Floyd Roberts, Robert Alvarez, Brendan Weber, James Bird, and Kameron Freeman. Players recognized as defensive MVP's were Carson Kermode, Ben Benavides, Jose Barrios, Matt Malsberger, and Brad Banks.

Special teams game MVP honors went to: Billy Wiles, Mike Tackitt, Mike Oakman, Morris Milton, Kimo Naehu, Andy Ring, Jake Reid, and George Bratton.

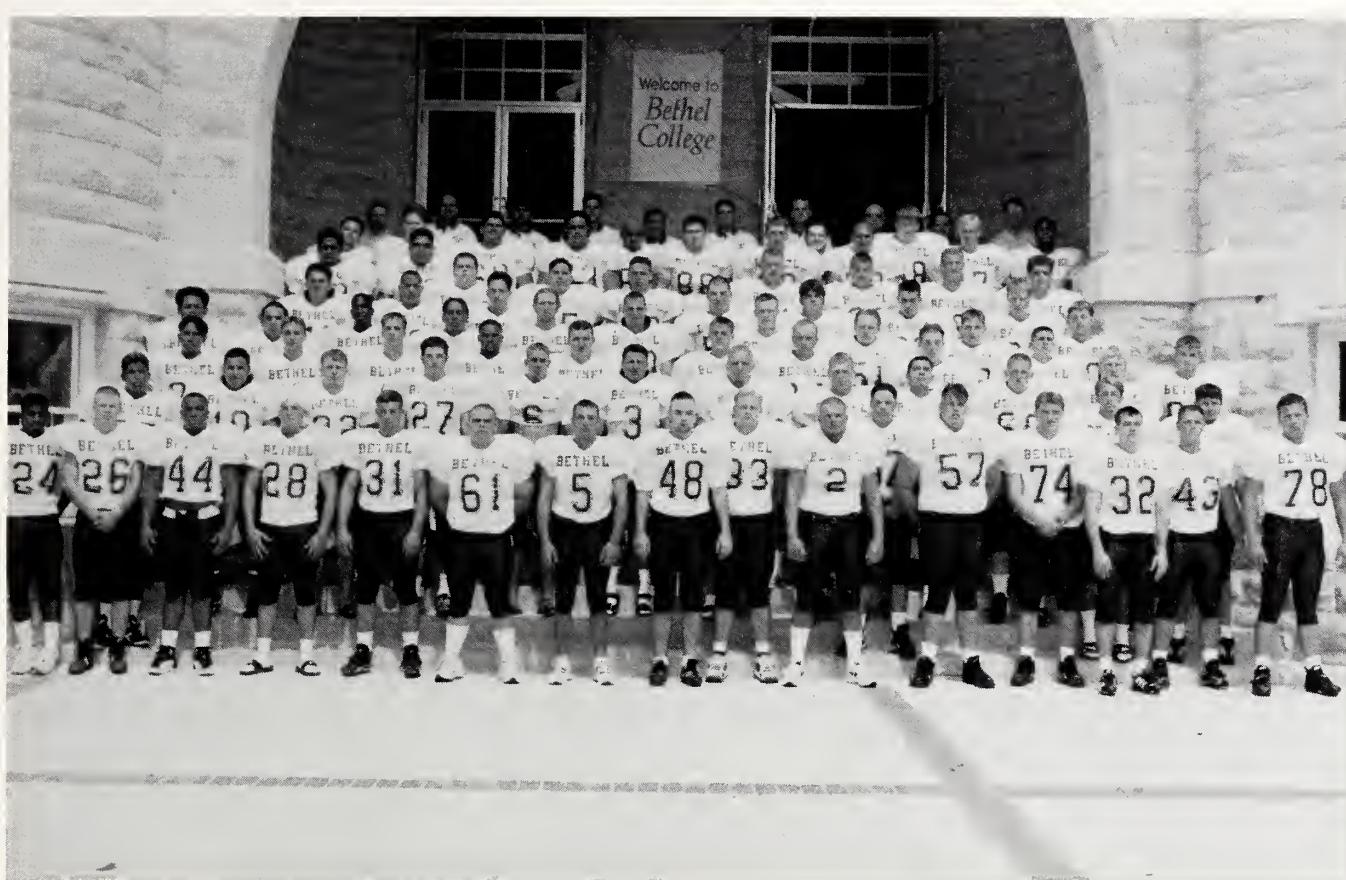
There were several players this year named to first and second team all KCAC. First team all KCAC selection was Jose Barrios. Second team all KCAC included: Floyd Roberts, Carson Kermode, Robert Alvarez, Mike Oakman, Brad Banks, and Tevita Hafoka.



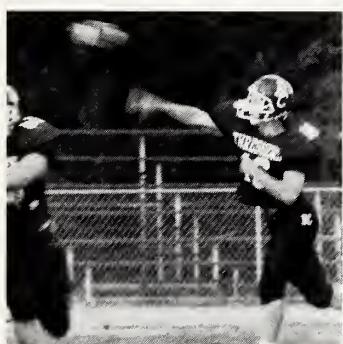
KICKER, attempts another field goal.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



READY SET HIKE...
The Thresher offensive line prepares for another score. The line rushed for an average of 113.9 yards per game. Photo by Matt Krehbiel



THE TEAM, Back row: James Hiebner, Scott Noble, David Arellano, Mike Moore, Coach George Papageorgiou, Troy Morris, Christopher Young, Jim Lewis, Dustin Miller, Chad Lehman. Second row: George Bratton, David Jasso, Tevita Hafoka, James Bird, Alvin Takeshita, Brad Banks, Andy Blowers, Steve Owens, John Carbajal, Ryan Skillingstad, Brad Thimm, Floyd Roberts. Third row: Kris Kupau, Jose Barrios, Kameron Freeman, Ben Benavides, Russ Tribby, Brandon Carter, Chris Koehn, Nick Bielenberg, Yoarsy Diaz. Fourth row: Keo Lefcourt, Randall Bethea, Michael Hawkes, Chris Edwards, Chris Braniff, Dallas Kenney, Justin Dalke. Fifth row: Isimeeli Hikila, Robert Alvarez, Morris Milton, Jake Reid, Scott Kissee, Michael Meeks, Warren Bontrager, Chad Mullet, TJ Watson, Sixth row: Kimo Dalida-Naehu, Aron Stork, Dave Schrag, Gustavo Clark, Matt Koontz, Mike Tackitt, Carson Kermode, Matt Wittmer, Ed Esquivel, Kevin Moore, Jim Fish, Matt Mahoney. Front row: Donnell Odom, Ryan Potucek, Wendell Paulding, Billy Wiles, Andy Ring, Aaron Craig, John Stewart, Keith Wallace, Chris Noyes, Matt Maltberger, Kevin Johnson, Jason Gallagher. *Photo by Jen Stoll*



QUARTERBACK Brent Martens,
freshman from Haven.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



TACKLING:
Ben Benavides, gives
Tabor a taste of Bethel's
defense.
Photo by Hahn Bach

Football Scoreboard

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sept. 13	Concordia	15-33
Sep. 20	Ottawa	31-55*
Sept. 27	McPherson	34-19*
Oct. 4	Sterling	32-12*
Oct. 11	Bethany	16-41*
Oct. 18	Friends	22-29*
Oct. 25	S. Western	7-35*
Nov. 1	Tabor	34-5*
Nov. 8	Kans. Wesleyan	43-7*
Nov. 15	Midland Lutheran	42-21
	Total	5-5

* Denotes KCAC games

In the Ranks

Women's Soccer team misses Championship but loads up on awards.

by Jen Stoll

Over confidence was the word of the important games for the women's soccer team.

Coach Gerry Sieber, Instructor of Health Management and Human Ecology, believes that while the team was successful for the year, they could have made it further in the KCAC tournament if they were not as confident that they would beat Bethany College in the semifinal match.

Chris Reeves, junior from Wichita and co-captain, explained why the team lost the semi-final game: "We forgot to show up and play. We looked ahead too much. Everyone did. And that cost us the game."

Despite the upsetting season ending, the team did very well, on the field and off. The regular season resulted in a second place finish in the KCAC with a 7-1 conference record and an 11-8 overall record.

Season highlights included seven shutouts and several selections to the KCAC first and second teams. Reeves, Monica Meyer, and Jen Stipp, juniors from Wichita, were selected to the KCAC first team. Katelyn Hubert, junior from Wichita and co-captain, and Julie Bain-Young, senior from Boulder, Colo., were selected to the second team.

Meyer was selected as KCAC defensive player of the year. Stipp and Hubert were recognized as NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes.

Additionally, the team won the 1997 NSCAA Team Academic Award for the second year in a row, following the 1996 team's, cumulative team grade point average of 3.355.

Senior Tamara Krueger, from Emporia, believes the team could have done better. But, she said, "I'll definitely miss the feeling of being part of this team."

While the team will miss the four graduating seniors, many are looking forward to next season.

Sieber expects this year's young team to become more

well-rounded athletes next year.

"What we want is a player who is skilled, aggressive, disciplined, and athletic. More experience and training will bring that to the team," he said.

The team is hoping for more than just athletic growth.

Freshman Kelly Simmons, from Newton, said, "I hope we do better in games. I think that will come if we can have more team togetherness."



RUN SHORTY: Junior Chris Reeves, from Wichita, dribbles the ball to the goal.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



DISGUISE,
DISGUISE,
DISGUISE: Junior Jen Stipp center mid-fielder, won the team's disguise award, given to the player who's ball skills best deceive her opponents. Stipp finished this year's season with 13 goals and 13 assists for a total of 39 offensive points. She also received the team assist award.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



THE TEAM, Back row: Gerry Sieber, Mark Yoder, Vanessa Leite, Andrienne Gard, Claire Heiks, Katie Hubert, Celina Wilson, Samantha Miller, Michelle Schauf, Erica Coulter, Kendra Stuever, Julie Bain-Young, Mark Lakin, Brian Kynaston. Front row: Kara Seeger, Jen Stipp, Monica Meyer, Chris Reeves, Becky Klassen, Kelly Simmons, Dayna Gritmacker, Tamara Krueger, Megan Thomas, Miriam Sirkel.



HUDDLE P. The
players listen carefully
as the coaches lay out
the team strategy in
order to bring home
another win. *Photo
by Celina Wilson*

Women's Soccer Scoreboard

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sept. 11	St. Mary's	1-0
Sept. 13	Tabor	1-0*
Sept. 17	Bethany	4-3*
Sept. 20	Southwestern	6-0
Sept. 23	Friends	2-3 OT*
Sept. 25	Newman	1-2
Sept. 27	Bartlesville	2-3
Oct. 2	McPherson	12-0
Oct. 4	Kans. Wesleyan	6-0*
Oct. 7	Kans Wesleyan	3-2
Oct. 10	William Woods	1-3
Oct. 11	Avila	0-1
Oct. 16	McPherson	4-0*
Oct. 18	Okla. Christian	0-1 OT
Oct. 22	Ottawa	4-0*
Oct. 25	Neb. Wesleyan	1-3
Oct. 30	Southwestern	10-0*
Nov. 1	Sterling	4-1*
Nov. 4	Bethany	1-2**

* Denotes KCAC Games

** Denotes KCAC Playoff Game



GO FOR THE JUGULAR:
Monica Meyer had three
goals, six assists, and 12
offensive points, making
her the KCAC Defensive
Player of the year.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel

Nothing' About Net

Men's soccer team varies from last year's championship.

by Celina Wilson and Jen Stoll

One year's championship team can suddenly turn into the next year's distant dream.

The 1996 KCAC Championship team became 1997's "best 3-15 team in the country," said Coach Gerry Sieber, Instructor of Health Management and Human Ecology.

The team lost several key players, leaving only six who returned to the field after playing during the 1996 season. With over two-thirds of the team new at playing college level soccer, the team's main problem was their lack of experience.

"Most games we lost," said senior Juan Aguirre from Burzaco, Argentina, "were because we didn't have a lot of returning players. Half the games we lost we could have won if we could have been just a little more experienced."

Despite the losses, the team still brought some glory home.

Scott Stuhlsatz, junior from Wichita, was selected to the KCAC first team, recognized as the KCAC defensive Player of the Year, and was a NAIA All-American honorable mention.

Aguirre was selected to the KCAC second team, awarded as a KCAC Offensive Player of the Week and a Great Plains Player of the Week.

Pablo Ceres, junior from Pampolina, Spain, and Scott Toerber, sophomore from Newton, were KCAC honorable mentions. Ceres was also a defensive player of the week as was Derek Anderson, freshman from Maize.

Sam Heiks was honored as a NAIA All-American scholar athlete.

While this season didn't go so well, Sieber is looking forward to next season. "We have some good recruits

and we'll be returning some great athletes."

The returning players started getting themselves ready for next season right after the 1997 season ended, by getting soccer players together for some informal games.

Stuhlsatz believes this is the key to a good season next year. This season, "we just didn't have anyone to score goals. We couldn't find the back of the net. Now, we're playing a lot of soccer, getting ready for next year."

The team is working at keeping the excellent comradery they established this year.

Aguirre says he's played a lot of soccer and, "We were closer than any other team I have played with before."



TOUGH DEFENDER: Scott Stuhlsatz, junior from Wichita, was named KCAC defensive player of the year.

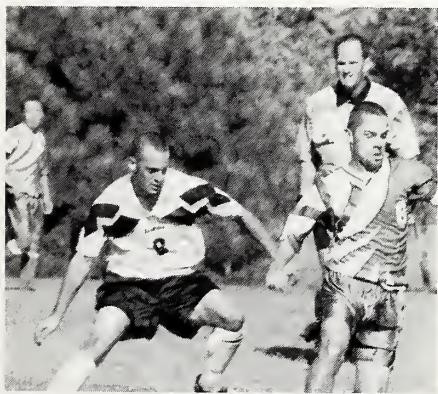
Photo by Celina Wilson



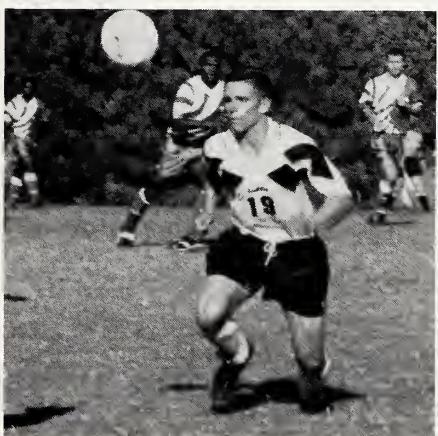
THE TEAM huddles together for some pregame pointers in preparation to take on Avila College.
Photo by Celina Wilson



THE TEAM. Back row: Gerry Sieber, Brian Kynaston, Matt Van Wingen, Brandon Nelson, Ed Mininger, Pablo Ceres, Derek Anderson, Scott Stuhlsatz, Anastacio Pecina, Russ Tribby, Mark Lakin, Mark R. Yoder. Front row: Paul Ortman, C.J. Friesen, Michael Ackerman, Matt Westerman, Scott Toerber, Kyle Woltman, Sam Heilks, Arik El-Kirwani, Luis GArcia, Aaron Hershberger, and Juan Aguirre.



MIDFIELDER, Kyle Woltman
races to get past a defensive player. Woltman contributed two assists to the team.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



SENIOR Russ Tribby
darts to the ball with a look of determination on his face. Tribby, as well as five other players, joined the team part way into the season due to the lack of players. The team ended the season with a good sized roster of 19 men. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*

Men's Soccer Scoreboard

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sept. 11	St. Mary's	0-2
Sept. 13	Tabor	0-1 OT*
Sept. 17	Bethany	0-1 OT*
Sept. 20	Southwestern	3-0
Sept. 23	Friends	0-1 OT*
Sept. 26	Greenville	0-1
Sept. 27	Bartlesville	0-5
Oct. 2	McPherson	4-0
Oct. 4	Kans. Wesleyan	2-3 OT*
Oct. 7	Kans. Wesleyan	0-3
Oct. 10	William Woods	1-2 OT
Oct. 11	Avila	2-5
Oct. 16	McPherson	0-1*
Oct. 18	Oklahoma Christian	1-3
Oct. 22	Ottawa	0-2*
Oct. 25	Neb. Wesleyan	1-5
Oct. 30	Southwestern	3-2*
Nov. 1	Sterling	0-2*

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Senior Athletes



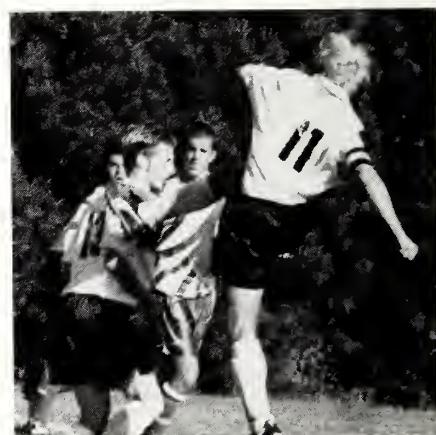
VOLLEYBALL. Kari Lindeman-Stucky, from Newton, was named the woman's Thresher Athlete-of-the year. She has also received other awards including: All-Tournament Selections at Missouri Valley & Nebraska Wesleyan, Great Plains Player of the Year & 1st Team Great Plains Region; Academic All-Conference & KCAC Player of the Week (twice), Honorable mention NAIA All-American & First Team KCAC (U).
Photo by Jen Stoll



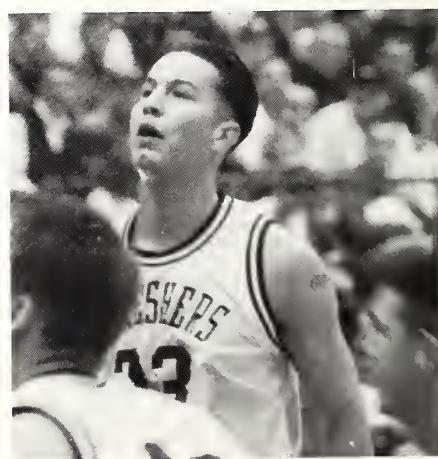
MEN'S TRACK: Ed Esquivel, from San Antonio, Tex., has participated in track and football this year. In football he was a four-year letter award winner. Ed was also named All Conference for the men's track team.
Photo by Rachel Schrag



WOMEN'S SOCCER: Tamara Krueger, from Emporia, has played soccer at Bethel for two years. She has lettered twice and has been a KCAC Academic All Conference award winner both years.
Photo by Celina Wilson



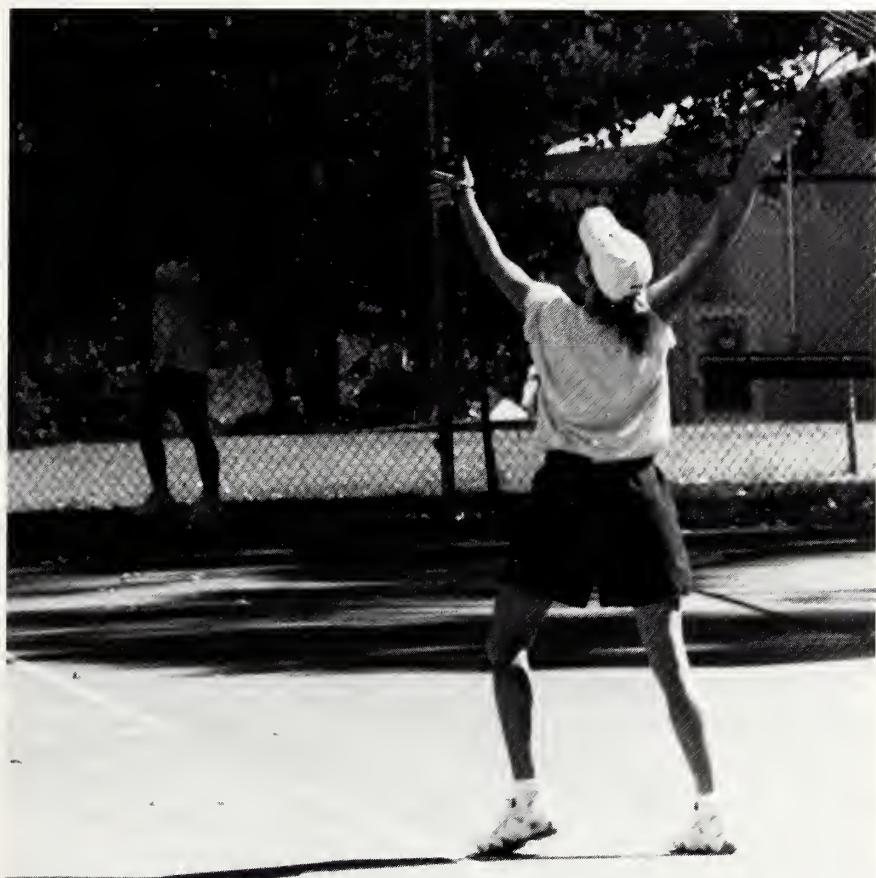
MEN'S SOCCER: Sam Heiks, from Appleton, Wis., is a NAIA All American Scholar Athlete and has been named to the KCAC Academic All Conference.
Photo by Rachel Schrag



MEN'S BASKETBALL: Eddie Sifuentes, from San Antonio, Tex., has been selected as the men's Thresher Athlete-of-the Year. He is a four-year letter award winner, First Team KCAC (U), and was named Honorable Mention NAIA All American.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL: Sarah
Tabor from Dodge City,
has played basketball
at Bethel for two years.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



SWINGING HIGH,
LOOK OUT: Heather
Farris, senior from
Topeka, is a four-year
letter award winner.
She has been a
member of the KCAC
Championship Tennis
Team all four years at
Bethel. *Photo by
Monty Gruber*



GRADUATING
ACADEMICS &
TENNIS: Tennis coach
Marty Ward, poses
with his senior men's
tennis players. Troy
Brodhagen, Vance
VanPelt, and Jared
Ward are all four-year
letter award winners.
They have all been
members of the KCAC
championship Tennis
Team all four years at
Bethel.
*Photo by Celina
Wilson*

MEN'S TENNIS: Troy
Brodhagen, from
Newton, has played for
the men's tennis and
basketball teams. He
is a four-year letter
winner in both sports
and he is listed 1st
KCAC in tennis.
*Photo by Rachel
Schrug*

On the Court

Women's Basketball team loses 18 games to nationally-ranked opponents.

Courtesy Athletic Yearbook

The Thresher women struggled to string more than a few back-to-back victories together this season as they finished with an 11-18 record overall.

After the first week of conference play, the women owned a 6-5 overall record and were 1-1 in the KCAC. After the holiday break, the women returned to action against non-conference Concordia College and lost 68-47. The Threshers set a school record in scoring when they hosted St. Mary's College with a final of 105-65. The season took a turn for the worse as the Threshers dropped several KCAC games to Tabor College, Southwestern and Friends.

Now 9-8 overall and 3-3 in KCAC action the women desperately needed to knock off a KCAC contender like Bethany College. However, the Swedes claimed another victory in Thresher gymnasium and defeated the Threshers 65-72. With a fifth place standing in the conference, the women headed into the third week of January 1998 with renewed spirit. Bethel defeated Southwestern College to move into fourth place in the KCAC.

If hopes were renewed with that win in early February they were quickly dashed by the poor showing against Kansas Wesleyan (36-62). Against visiting Bethany College the Thresher women played perhaps one of their best games of the season but were unable to pull off a win, losing to the Swedes for a second time, 72-65. Nationally ranked Sterling College also visited the Bethel campus but left with yet another victory, 64-81.

The team went on to claim another non-conference victory, this time over Kansas Newman and improved their record to 10-12 overall (3-7 KCAC). At home again, the team hosted Tabor College and with an upset victory over the Bluejays, a pattern continued by the Thresher men, the women held on to the victory 63-61. the

Threshers traveled to Winfield and suffered their eighth KCAC loss only to return to Thresher gymnasium and lost to visiting McPherson College 56-60.

Now, with a 4-9 KCAC record the women had to face nationally ranked Sterling and Bethany. The national contenders were not stopped by the Thresher women and Bethel was handed losses seventeen and eighteen to end the season.

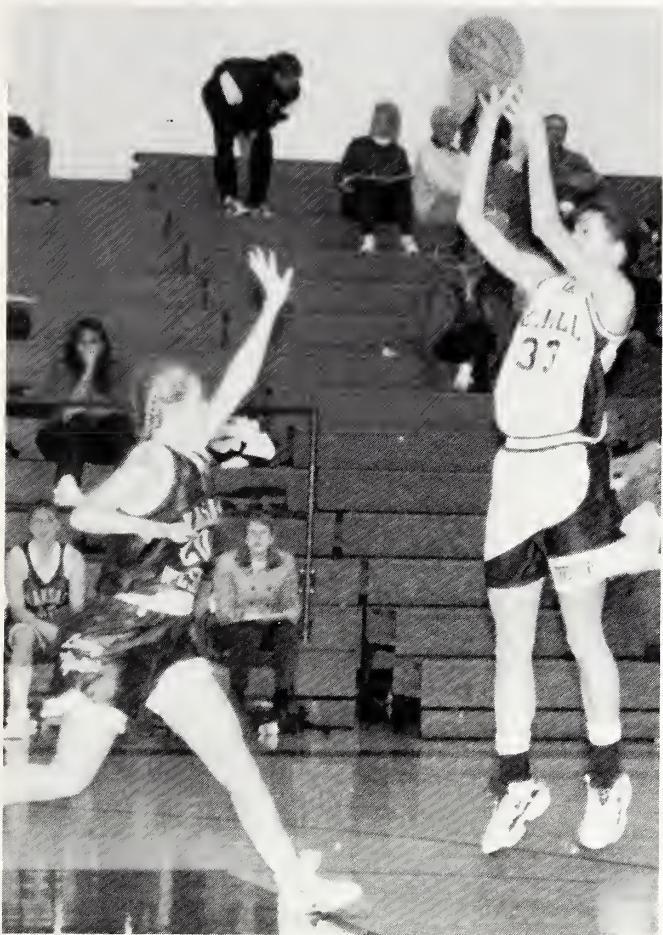
Coach Floyd Sowers says, "the team record...was not a true measure of how good they were."



POINT GUARD: Ruth Harder, freshman from Hillsboro, brings the ball down court. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*



SARAH NITZSCHE AND JENNIFER SCOTT, along with three other seniors, will be a tough loss for the next year's team to face. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*



LISA SCHMIDT,
freshman from Newton
carried an individual
season record of 93
blocked shots and also
was a 1st team All-
KCAC selection.
*Photo by Matt
Krehbiel*

ANNOUNCING THE
STARTING LINE UP,
Brandi Regier,
sophomore from
Turpin, Okla., runs
onto the court for the
starting line up.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



THE TEAM rallies together on the court for a team
huddle. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*

Women's Basketball Scoreboard

Date	Opponent	Score	Record
11/5	Mid-Am Bible	75-68	1-0
11/12	St. Mary's	75-58	2-0
11/17	Bartlesville Wesleyan	66-40	3-0
11/20	Mid-Am Nazarene	78-86	3-1
11/21	Baker	67-65	4-1
11/22	Benedictine	60-71	4-2
12/3	Ottawa	64-58	5-2
12/5	Hastings	48-69	5-3
12/6	Mid-Am Bible	81-59	6-3
12/9	Kansas Wesleyan	51-60	6-4
12/13	Bartlesville Wesleyan	48-76	6-5
1/5	Concordia	47-68	6-6
1/10	St. Mary's	105-65	7-6
1/13	Tabor	51-69	7-7
1/17	Southwestern	85-66	8-7
1/21	McPherson	77-75	9-7
1/24	Friends	62-75	9-8
1/26	Bethany	65-72	9-9
1/29	Sterling	64-81	9-10
1/31	Ottawa	64-83	9-11
2/4	Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	36-62	9-12
2/5	Kansas Newman	75-56	10-12
2/9	Tabor	63-61	11-12
2/11	Southwestern	48-51	11-13
2/14	McPherson	56-60	11-14
2/17	Friends	46-53	11-15
2/21	Bethany	49-60	11-16
2/24	Sterling	59-68	11-17
2/27	Bethany	53-67	11-18

High Expectations

Men's Basketball team plays for KCAC Championship for the first time.

By Ruth Harder

On March 3, Southwestern College men's basketball team came to North Newton to battle Bethel in the KCAC post-season men's basketball championship. Before the game started, fans from both teams painted their faces while a crowd from Southwestern enjoyed a tail-gate party in Bethel's parking lot. With the start of the game, Thresher Gymnasium had standing room only for Bethel's first-ever appearance in the KCAC championship game.

Bethel, coached by Mark Yoder, lost to Southwestern College 68-62 which meant an end to a 19-12 season and hopes of competing in nationals.

Seniors Troy Brodhagen from North Newton, Eddie Sifuentes from San Antonio, Tex., Nate Bailey from Watkinsville, Ga., and Anastacio Pecina from Weslaco, Tex., led the team to an 11-5 second place finish in the conference.

"I am proud that our team made it farther in the play-offs than ever before. Even though we struggled early in the season, we finished on a good note." One highlight of the season, for Bailey was beating Bethany College by two points at home in the second round of play-offs. Bailey also said Parent's Night was special when Bethel beat McPherson College at home. "It meant a lot for my family to come down for the game because that was probably the last time they will ever see me play. This goes for the rest of the seniors as well".

In the post-season tournament the Threshers defeated Sterling College, 72-65, and Bethany College, 58-56 to advance to the championship game.

Individual scoring stats include Mark Ediger, junior from Hesston, averaging 16.1 points per game and Sifuentes with 15.3. Both led in rebounds with Ediger

pulling down 8.2 per game and Sifuentes 4.4. Recording the highest free throw percentages were Brodhagen and Bailey, finishing with 81 and 79 percent respectively. Bailey also led the team with 113 assists and 52 steals.

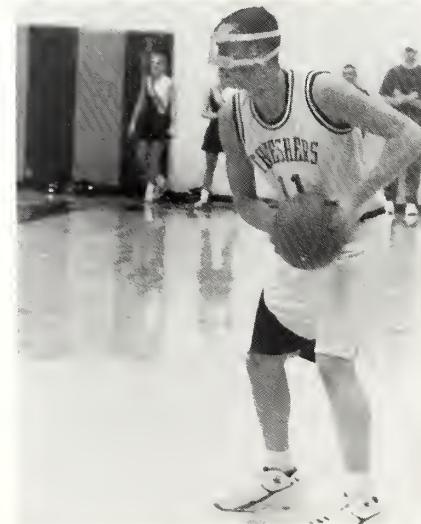
Sifuentes and Ediger were unanimous selections to the KCAC first team. Bailey received honorable mention.

"We had a rough start but we came together in the second half of the season. Our team was close and we had a lot of fun together. We'll miss the seniors, but they have given us something we can build on," said Ediger.



JUMPBALL: Junior Mark Ediger from Hesston, led the team in scoring and rebounds.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



NATHAN BAILEY, senior from Watkinsville, GA, led the team with 113 assists and 52 steals.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



BETHEL FANS, filled the bleachers to support the team as they played in the playoffs against Southwestern.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



ELAN BULLER, freshman from Woodland hills, Calif., aide Bethel with many assists this season.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



THE TEAM HUDDLES together for a pep talk before they play the championship game against Southwestern College.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel

Men's Basketball Scoreboard

Date	Opponent	Score	Record
11/7	Peru State Univ.	64-58	1-0
11/8	Mid-America Nazarene	73-77	1-1
11/14	Evangel College	67-76	1-2
11/15	College of Ozarks	48-62	1-3
11/21	SWC of Christian Ministry	79-55	2-3
11/22	Missouri Valley College	58-69	32-4
12/3	Ottawa University	57-52	3-4
12/5	St. Gregory College	78-80	3-5
12/9	Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	62-61	4-5
12/12	York College	81-68	5-5
12/13	Hastings College	66-74	5-6
1/8	Peru State Univ.	58-53	6-6
1/10	Peru State Univ.	65-58	7-6
1/13	Tabor College	70-88	7-7
1/17	Southwestern College	68-81	7-8
1/21	McPherson College	59-62	7-9
1/24	Friends Univ.	61-70	7-10
1/26	Bethany College	80-70	8-10
1/29	Sterling College	80-65	9-10
1/31	Ottawa University	61-56	10-10
2/4	Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	74-72	11-10
2/7	St. Gregory's College	72-66	12-10
2/9	Tabor College	81-67	13-10
2/11	Southwestern College	74-70	14-10
2/14	McPherson College	83-76	15-10
2/17	Friends University	66-54	16-10
2/21	Bethany College	56-48	17-10
2/24	Sterling College	74-75	17-11
2/26	Sterling College	72-65	18-11
2/28	Bethany College	58-56	19-11

Focused on Improving

Women's tennis team has another great season earning a NAIA national ranking of 21.

By Katelyn Hubert

The Bethel women's tennis team has not lost a KCAC dual since 1991. How have this year's players managed to maintain that tradition?

"Bethel is unique," explained junior Libby Spencer. "We essentially have a twelve-month season." In addition to the fall and spring semesters of both conference and non-conference duals, the players engage in intense workouts in both the summer and winter and help out with camps in the summer.

How else did Spencer explain Bethel's success? "Marty is superhuman."

Kayron Anderson, junior transfer from Independence Community College, explained how coach Marty Ward does a good job of recruiting talented players who mix well together. In addition, she said, "Players are constantly learning. He gives lots of good feedback and doesn't put major pressure on us."

In regard to his recruiting style, Ward said, "I want players who are willing to strive for improvement, who are willing to do difficult things."

Ward purposefully creates a difficult non-conference schedule for his players. "There's always going to be someone better," he says. And he wants to make sure his players compete with those better teams. Personal development is the key, he explained, and that can only occur with constant challenges.

Junior Holly Sweatt explained how the team is provided with opportunities most other NAIA schools aren't, such as traveling to Australia and Hawaii. These trips don't function solely for entertainment. They provide the players with an additional means to develop, to observe professionals play the game and to compete

with players of a higher caliber.

All of the investments Ward and the players make throughout the year aren't done simply to keep the streak alive, however. An even more important goal is to qualify for and successfully compete in the nationals. Even so, it's hard to forget about the long-standing Bethel tradition, especially with all the conference banners hanging on the wall in the gym. "no one wants to be part of a losing team," admitted Spencer.

Although it may not appear as such with the winning streak that exists, the focus for the Bethel women's tennis team is not on winning or losing, but on improving.



HEATHER FARRIS, senior from Topeka, has lettered four years and was named to the 1st Team KCAC.
Photo by Monty Gruber



COACH WARD, aka "Superhuman" works hard with the team coaching them through a season of 77 of 81 individual match wins.
Photo by David Alan Kaufman



ANGELA BRODHAGEN, sophomore from North Newton was named KCAC's Most Valuable Player. Brodhagen also placed 2nd in the KCAC National Qualifier Tournament last April. Fellow team-mates Holly Sweat, Heather Farris, and Libby Spencer also placed 1st, 3rd, and 4th respectively.

Photo by David Alan Kaufman



HOLLY SWEATT, junior from Enid, Okla., was a #1 singles National Qualifier as well as named to the 1st Team KCAC.

Photo by Monte Gruber



TEAM ENCOURAGEMENT, and hardwork are qualities that are evident when watching these women play tennis. *Photo by Monty Gruber*

Who's Who Women's Tennis

Seniors	Letters	Awards
Heather Farris	4	-1st Team KCAC
Joy Mason	4	

Juniors

Kayron Anderson	1	-Honorable Mention KCAC
Libby Spencer	3	-Academic All-Conference
Holly Sweat	3	#1 singles National Qualifier -1st Team KCAC

Sophomores

Angela Brodhagen	2	-Most Valuable Player KCAC
		-1st Team KCAC

Freshman

Elizabeth Runyan	1	-Honorable Mention KCAC
Sarah Stedney		

By the Net

Men's Tennis team ranked 29th in the NAIA November rankings.

By Kelly Simmons

The Thresher men's tennis team has been hard at work all year which has definitely paid off this season. There were several early morning conditionings consisting of running and cardiovascular workouts which took place in preparation for the season. This was evident when the team had an excellent showing early this fall with strong wins over Barton County Community College and Emporia State University.

This year's team had excellent leadership from three graduating seniors: Jared Ward from North Newton, Troy Brodhagen from North Newton, and Vance VanPelt from Osborne. Along with having an excellent season, these seniors also dealt with significant injuries. According to Coach Marty Ward, Education Instructor, "Troy missed most of the fall season, Vance played in pain during the spring after not hitting a ball during January, and sustained an injury which affected him throughout the spring in our opening match in February."

All nine members this year worked hard to gain various awards and championship wins for the team. For the first time in Bethel history, men's tennis players were ranked individually among the nation's best. Jared Ward and Matt Turner ranked 25th in the nation as a double team, while Jared also ranked 50th nationally in singles. Bethel as a team received a ranking of 29th in the NAIA's November ranking.

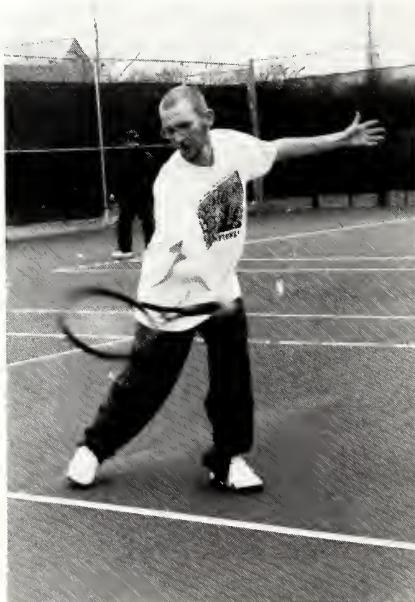
"Despite various obstacles this year, the 1998 spring season was highlighted by two come-from-behind wins over John Brown University and Oklahoma Baptist University during our spring break trip in Arkansas; our first-ever dual win over Baker University, a strong 3rd place finish at the Emporia State Invitational led by Jared and Matt's doubles championship and our ninth consecutive Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) title," reported Coach Ward.

David Baker, freshman from Hillsboro, stated, "Tennis is not an easy sport like many think it is. We work pretty hard all year long and coach pushes us to do our best." he also concluded, "Our successful season was an effect of our strong team work ethics during practices and matches."



DAVID BAKER, freshman from hillsboro, contributed greatly to the Men's tennis team.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel

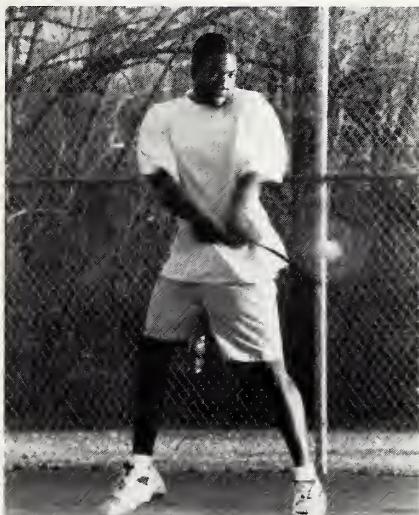


JASON FOX,
sophomore from Clay
Center, practices his
swing at practice.

*Photo by Rachel
Schrag*



BY THE NET, After a tough practice the men get together to congratulate each other on their strong play. Photo by Matt Krehbiel



MORRIS MILTON sophomore from Saint Petersburg, FL has played two years for the men's tennis team. Throughout these past years the Thresher netters have made themselves well known for winning the KCAC.

Photo by Matt Krehbiel



JARED WARD completed his Bethel tennis career which included: three KCAC #1 titles, four KCAC #4 doubles titles, as well as winning several matches over nationally-ranked opponents. Photo by Matt Krehbiel

Who's Who Men's Tennis Letters Honors

Seniors

Troy Brodhagen	4	-1st Team KCAC
Vance Van Pelt	4	-1st Team KCAC
Jared Ward	4	-1st Team KCAC -Most Valuable Player KCAC -National singles ranking 50th. -National double ranking 25th.

Sophomores

Jason Fox	2	-Honorable Mention KCAC
Morris Milton	2	

Michael Widener

Freshman

David Baker	1	-1st #3 singles
Jared Gingerich	1	-1st #6 singles
Matt Turner	1	-1st Team KCAC -Sportmanship Award KCAC

On Track

Women's track team small in size; but strong competitors in the conference

By Celina Wilson

The 1998 Women's Thresher track and field members completed an outstanding season, even though they were small in size. These women participated in events anywhere from the javelin to the 400 meter dash.

The leadership of the senior members was evident especially at the KCAC championship held in Hillsboro at Tabor College. Senior Sarah Nitzsche, captured 4th place in the discus and 6th place throwing the hammer, while Jennifer Scott placed 3rd in the javelin with a throw of 111'04".

When asked about the KCAC championship Nitzsche concluded, "We knew we couldn't get many team points so we strived for them individually."

Half of this year's team was made up of younger members which may help to increase the women's track team in years to come.

KCAC Championship Results

Athlete	Place	Event	Marks
Amy Krehbiel	5th	400 Dash	1:04:48
Sarah Nitzsche	4th	Discus	115'08"
Sarah Nitzsche	6th	Hammer	99'00"
Jennifer Scott	3rd	Javelin	111'04"

Who's Who Women's Track

	Letters	Honors
<u>Seniors</u>		
Sarah Nitzsche	2	
Jennifer Scott	4	All Conference
<u>Juniors</u>		
Crysta Hill	3	
<u>Freshman</u>		
Rachel Hostetler	1	
Amy Krehbiel	1	
Kara Seeger	1	



SENIOR SARAH Nitzsche poses of a picture before she throws the discus at a track meet.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



KARA SEEGER, freshman from Ottawa, dresses warm for those cold practice days.
Photo by Rachel Schrag



THREE OF BETHEL'S, tracksters push each other running neck and neck in the 200 m dash at the Tabor trackmeet. *Photo by Kathy Harder*



READY SET GO...

Amy Krehbiel,
Freshman from Pretty
Prairie, runs the 400M
Dash at the Tabor
Invitational trackmeet.
*Photo by Monty
Graber*



RACHEL
HOSTETLER,
freshman from Kansas
City, puts time and
energy into Bethel's
small track team.
*Photo by Monty
Graber*

In Competition

Bethel Men's Track Team racks up enough points to place 4th overall in the KCAC.

By Celina Wilson

"This season was very short with lots of bad weather", concluded Neil Hamill at the end of the 1998 season. This years weather was so bad that several meets were canceled or rescheduled for later dates.

Even though the weather was unpredictable, this years, team wasn't. Bethel was small in size, but they always managed to make themselves known at trackmeets.

This group of transfers did exceptionally well at the KCAC Track and Field Championships. (May 1 & 2 1998—Hillsboro.) Bethel's men placed in 13 different events. Senior Brandon Carter and freshmen Lee Smith, Jason Gallagher, and Doug DeGroot placed in the top three of their events at Hillsboro. Aside from all of the individual placings, the team was able to score enough points to finish in 4th.

When asked what he thought of the season Preston Barger responded, "Overall it went close to what was expected and we had many new athletes. Everyone worked hard to perform as well as they could this year."

JASON GALLAGHER, freshman from Denver, CO., practices throwing the discus, which paid off when he placed 2nd at the KCAC Championship.
Photo by David Allan Kaufman



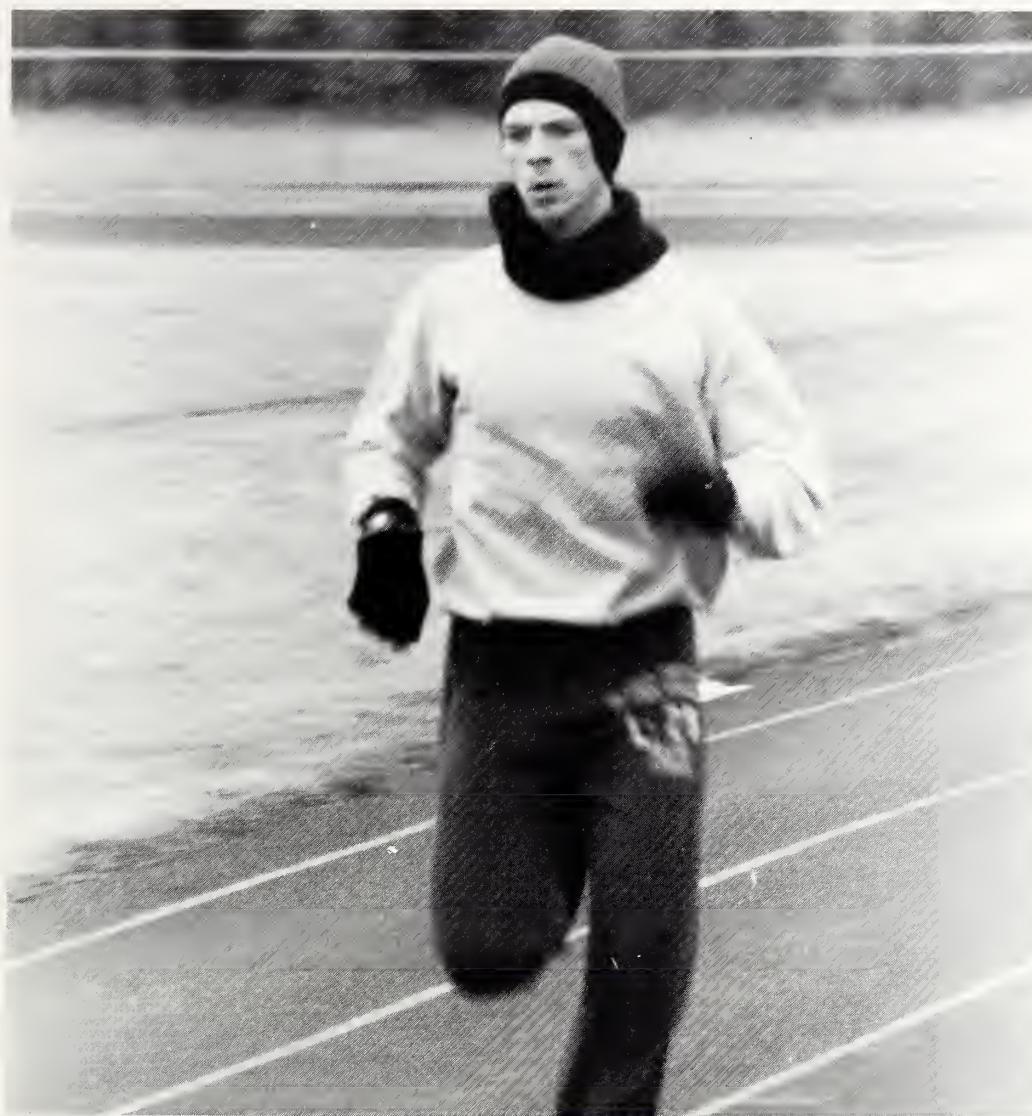
MATT MAHONEY, sophomore from Derby, throws the javelin.
Photo by David Alan Kaufman



JASON MARTENS, practices his form for a race in high hurdles
Photo by Rachel Schrag



CURTIS GUHR AND SCOTT TOERBER practice their relay hand offs in preparation for the Tabor meet. Photo by Matt Krehbiel



JUNIOR NEIL HAMIL is all bundled up trying to beat the cold at another practice this season. *Photo by Matt Krehbiel*

Who's Who Men's Track

<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Letters</u>	<u>Honors</u>
Brandon Barger	3	-All Conference
Brandon Carter	4	-All Conference
Ed Esquivel	4	-All Conference
<u>Juniors</u>		
Robert Alvarez	2	
Preston Barger	3	
Curtis Guhr	3	-All Conference
Neil Hamil	2	-Academic All Conference
<u>Sophomores</u>		
Pat Flaming	1	-Academic All-Conference
Matt Mahoney	2	
Jason Martens	2	
Jason Peters	2	-Academic All-Conference
Scott Toerber	2	
<u>Freshmen</u>		
James Bird	1	
Doug DeGroot	1	-All Conference
Jason Gallagher	1	-All Conference
Scott Kissee	1	
Keo Lefcourt	1	
Brent Martens	1	
Kevin Moore	1	
Lee Smith	1	-All Conference

KCAC Championship Results

<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Marks</u>
Curtis Guhr	4th	100 M Dash	10.67s
Curtis Guhr	5th	200 M Dash	22.08s
Neil Hamill	6th	1500 M Run	4:12.08
Brandon Carter	2nd	100 M High H.	15.18s
Doug DeGroot	3rd		15.26s
Scott Kissee	5th		15.58s
Brandon Carter	1st	400 M Inter. H	54.31s
Doug DeGroot	5th		59.19s
Brandon Barger	3rd	3000 M Steeplechase	10:11.21
Scott Kissee	6th	High Jump	6'0"
Brent Martens	4th	Long Jump	21'06.50"
Jason Gallagher	2nd	Discus	141'10"
Lee Smith	3rd	Javelin	161'10"
Guhr, Carter,	4th	4x100 M Relay	43.65s
DeGroot, J. Martens			
DeGroot, Esquivel,	3rd	4x400 M Relay	3:24.70
Carter, Guhr			
Hamill, Esquivel	5th	4x800 M Relay	8:45.49
Barger, Barger			

Student Athletes

Exercise and athletics are evident around Bethel's campus

By Ruth Harder

While walking around Bethel's campus, it does not take too long until you find students participating in an athletic activity. Many students don't participate in organized competition, but still enjoy participating in physical activities. The popular activities this year included hacky sack, ultimate frisbee, tennis, weightlifting, walking, rollerblading, riding bikes, and basketball.

Some regular hacky sack players include Matt Krehbiel, senior from North Newton, Sam Heiks, senior from Appleton, Wisc., Nathan Koontz, senior from North Newton, and Dave A. Kaufman, senior from Newton.

"Hacky sack is a great social activity. Not only is it a good distraction from studying, but it requires little equipment and you can play anywhere," said Krehbiel.

Ultimate frisbee is an activity that seemed to grow in popularity this spring. Groups of about 15 students played twice a week on the soccer practice field. There were also many pick-up games played on the green when the weather was nice.

Senior Mitch Isaac and sophomore Stuart Isaac from Whitewater, along with Zach Bartel, freshman from Hillsboro, and Mark Symns, freshman from Longmont, Colo., are students who enjoyed playing tennis regularly. "Stuart and I both played tennis in high school, but chose not to play competitively at Bethel because we didn't have time. It is fun and relaxing to play, and it will probably be a lifetime activity for both of us," said Mitch Isaac.

One of the most popular activities for all students



DAYNA
GRITMACKER,
freshman from
Newton, enjoys riding
her bike around
campus for good
exercise.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*

this year was basketball. Memorial Hall was open most of the day and evening for students to play pick up games or shoot around.

When the weather became warm, many students enjoying outdoor activities such as jogging, walking, riding bikes and rollerblading. Krista Voth, senior from Topeka, and Tammy Ratzlaff, sophomore from Wichita, spent many afternoon rollerblading.

"I learned how to iceskate during Interterm in Europe so when I got back I immediately bought some rollerblades," said Voth

Whether students were inside, or outside they were very active this year. Not only did these activities give students a break from school, but it helped to build friendships.



CHRIS REEVES, from
Wichita and Matt
Watkins from
Lawrence are at the
front of the pack for the
junior class tug of war
team. This was an
event held during
Spring Fling. Photo
by Robin Linscheid



ATHLETICS EVEN
TOOK, as a part of
orientation last spring.
Ester Kratzer and
Sarah Kratzer go for a
jog barefoot in the
grass. *Photo by
Robin Linscheid*



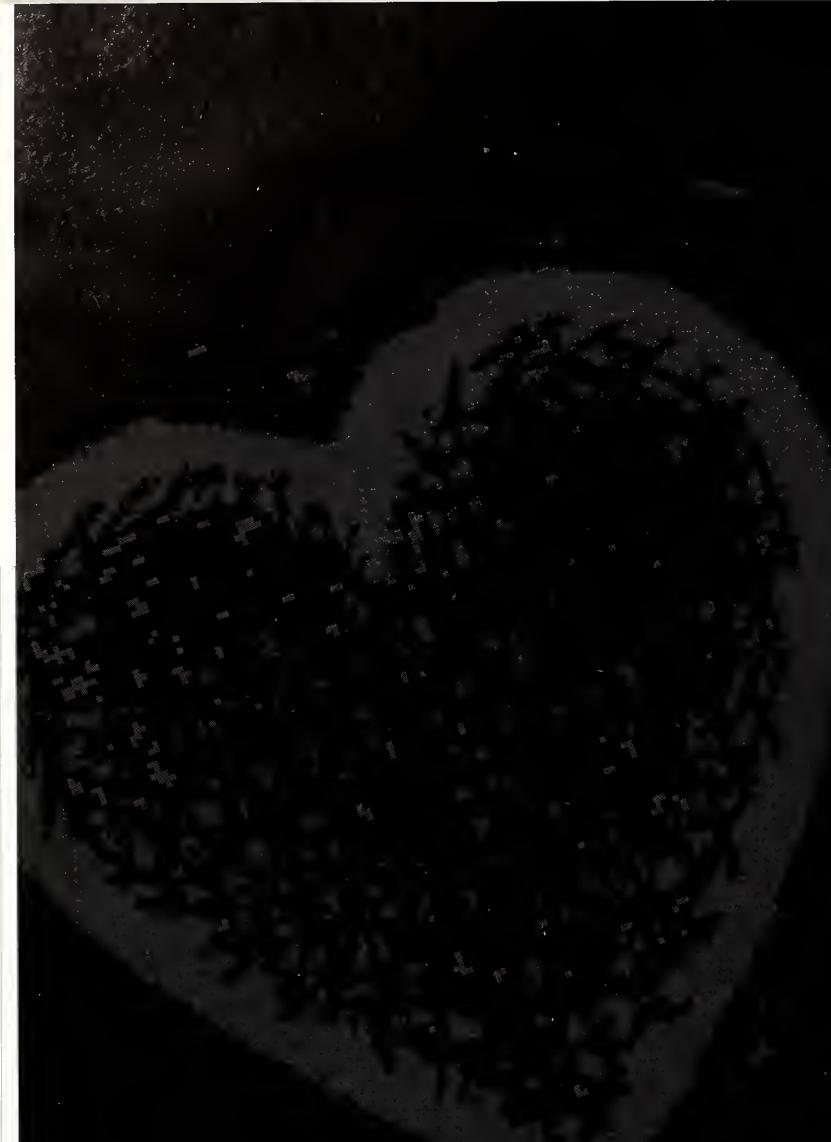
LEE SMITH, freshman
from Hutchinson, gets
tackled from behind in
a game of flag football.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



KEITH HIEBNER,
freshman from
Henderson, Neb., and
Nathan Stucky, junior
from Kingman, enjoy a
game of ultimate
frisbee on the green.
Photo by Matt Krehbiel



JAMES BIRD,
sophomore from
Honolulu, Hawaii, and
Chris Semon junior
from Latham, N.Y.
participate in the tire
throw events. Several
athletic events were
held as a part of the
strongest man
competition. *Photo
by Robin Linscheid*



People

Student Mugs 86-105

Faculty Mugs 106-111



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Brent Abrahams, FF
Michael Ackerman, FF
Juan Aguirre, SR
Julie Aldrich, JR
Jackye Alexander, SO



Jay Alexander, SR
Wendy Allender, SO
Robert Alvarez, SO
Tamara Amyot, FR
Derek Anderson, FF



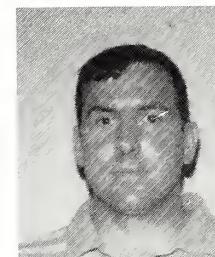
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Ryan Anderson, FF
Andrea Andres, FY
David Arellano, SR



Jessica Arellano, SO
Mark Arganbright, FF
Daniel K. Asher, SR
Daniel R. Asher, FF
Larissa Asher, JR



Edward Asselin III, FY
Pablo Ayala, SO
Renee Baatrup, FR
Hahn Bach, FF
Nathan Bailey, SR



Julie Bain-Young, SR
David Baker, FF
Sara Bane, FF
Bradley Banks, SO
Meniza Bannister, SR



TAKING A BREAK

FOR LUNCH AT

BUBBERTS: Daniel Macias, senior from Newton, and Haylle Chau, junior from Newton, indulge in some Bubberts cuisine.

Photo by Hahn Bach



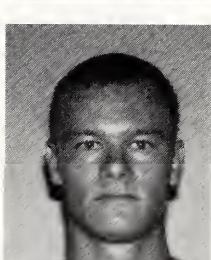
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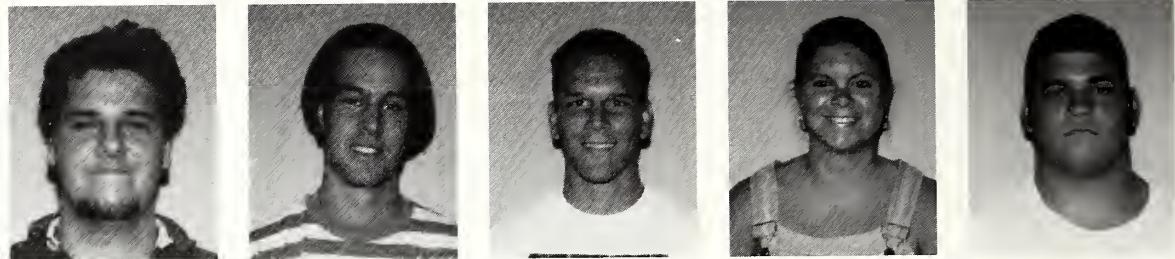


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Randall Bethea, FF
Nicholas
Bielenberg, SO
Donna Bird, SO
James Bird, SO



Kristen Blacklock, JR
Sandra Blaylock, FY
Andrew Blowers, SO
Sherry Bonham, SR
Warren Bontrager, JR

Erich Boschmann, SR
Nathan Boschmann, SR
Kirk Boster, SO
Tammy Bowden, SR
Christopher Braniff, FF



Craig Branson, SR
Daniel Brashear, FF
George Bratton Jr., FF
Margret Braun, SO
Shanda Brekke, JR



Amy Brenneman, SO
Natasha Brenzikofer, FF
Sarah Bricker, SO
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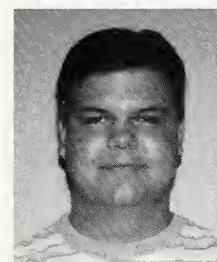


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Brandon Carter, SR
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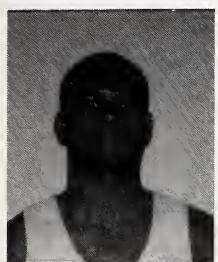


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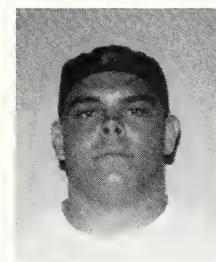




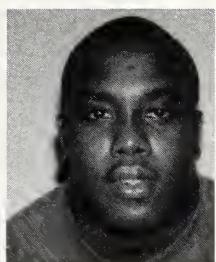
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Rebecca Claassen, FF



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Trisha Clark, FF
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Candace Colvard, SO
Eric Cook-Wiens, JR



Sonya Cooper, SO
Roy Cornett Jr., SO
Marie Corpe-Gaeddert, SR
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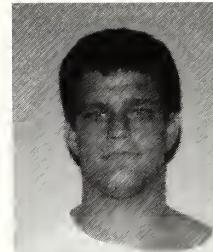


EXPRESSIONS OF

GUILT: Keith Hiebner, freshman from Henderson, Neb., and Phil Gruber, junior from Moundridge, look guilty of something

Photo by Daniel Wilson

Miranda DeLuna, SR
Jennifer Dewees, FF
Yoarsy Diaz, FF
Kathryn Dick, JR
Kara Dixon, FF



Susan Dixon, JR
Katherin Domme, FR
Angela Dreier, JR
Denise DuBois, SR
Kerstin Duellmann, JR



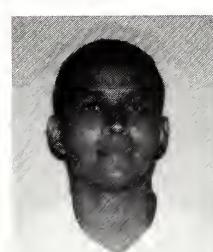
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Mark Ediger, JR
Christopher Edwards, FR



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Susan Eitel, JR
Said El Krinawi, JR
Arik El Krinawi, JR
Allison Epp, FF



Eduardo Esquivel, SR
Jenny Estrada, SR
Katie Etherington, SR
Sara Etherington, JR
Karla Evans, JR



Michael Fa, JR
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James Fish, FR
Patrick Flaming, SO



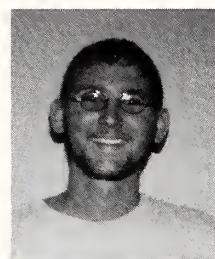
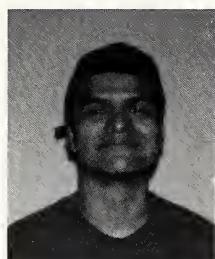


LIFE AS

A COMMUTER:

Sonya Cooper,
sophomore from
Hoxie, spends several
hours hanging out in
the commuter lounge.

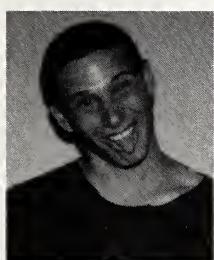
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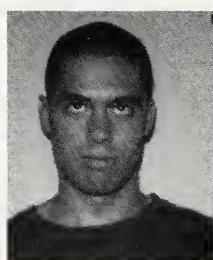
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Sheryl Fowler, FF
Jason Fox, SO



Audrey Franz, SR
Andrea Freeburne, SR
Kameron Freeman, FF
Mark Fretz, SR
Amber Friesen, SR



Christopher Jason Friesen, FF
Christopher John Friesen, FF
Joanna Friesen, SR
Liv Friesen, JR
Marc Friesen, FF



Rebecca Friesen, FF
Scott Friesen, SR
Stephani Friesen, FF
Jerram Froese, SR
Liberty Froese, JR

Loretta Fulghum, JR
Dianna Funk, SR
Letha Funk, FF
Susan Gaeddert, SO
Jason Gallagher, FF



Luis Garcia, SR
Adrienne Gard, SR
John Garner, SO
Gretchen Gering, SR
Zeina Ghaoui, JR



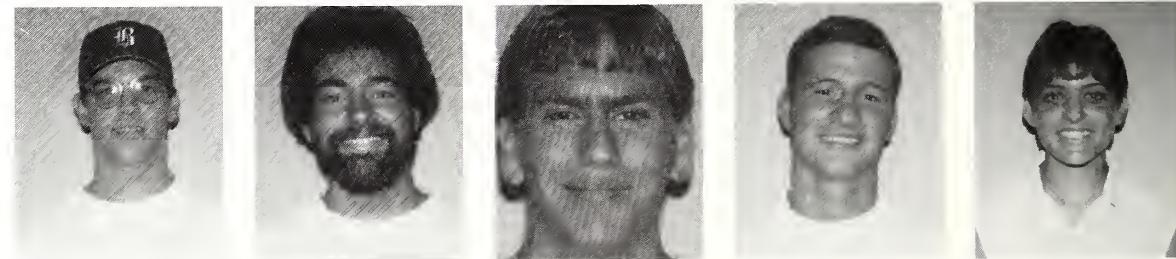
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Tatjana Gluth, JR
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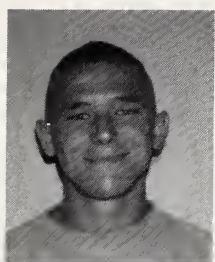


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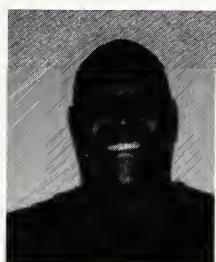


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Martha Grout, SR
Vanessa Guete, FR





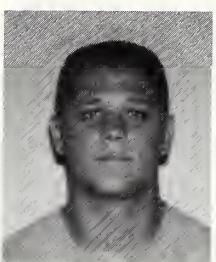
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Brice Hagen, FF
Raymond Hall, JR



Neil Hamil, JR
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Terry Hampton, JR
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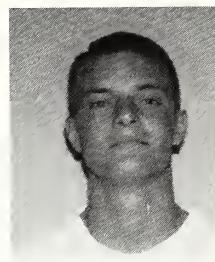


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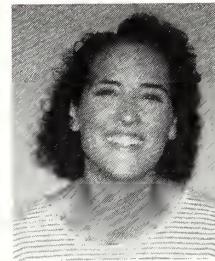


STUDENT
TEACHING: Matt
Koontz, senior from
North Newton, gains
experience as a
student teacher.
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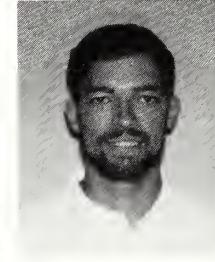
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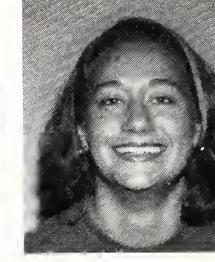
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Joshua Hull, SR
Brian Huxman, JR
Daniel Ingham, FF



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Bobbie Jacobson, SO
Marlana James, SR



Jamie Jantz, SO
Janel Jantz, JR
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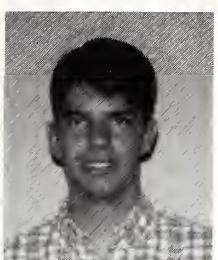
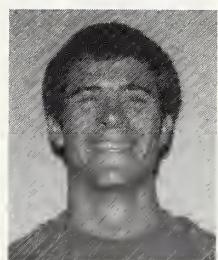
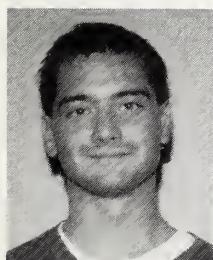


INTERMURALS: Billy Wiles, senior from Bloomington, Ill., dribbles the ball to the goal during intermural basketball games.

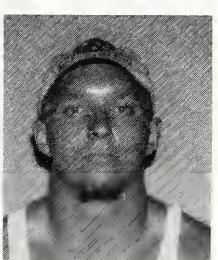
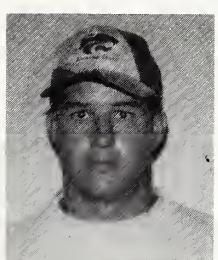
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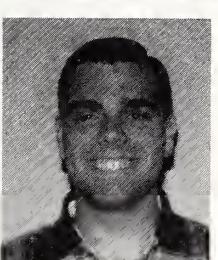
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Denise Kauffman, JR
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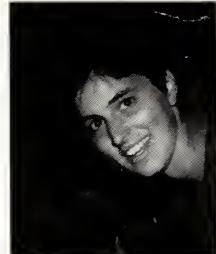
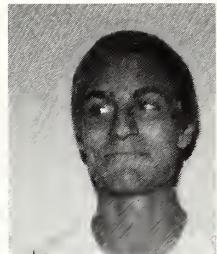


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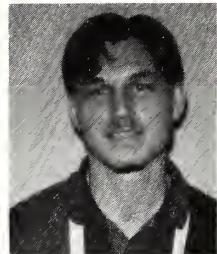


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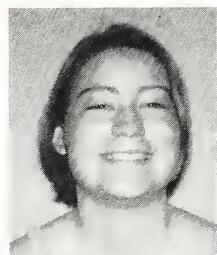
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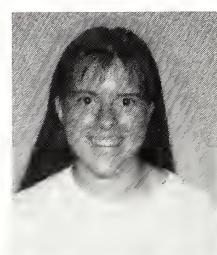
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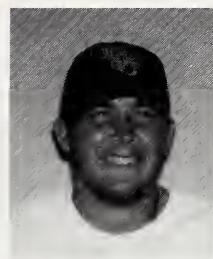


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Sharleen Loewen, SO
Roberta Long, SR





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Matthew Mahoney, SO
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Natasha
Marchenko, SO
Brent Martens, FF



Jason Martens, SO
Melissa Martin, JR
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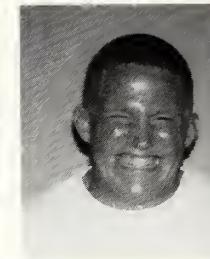


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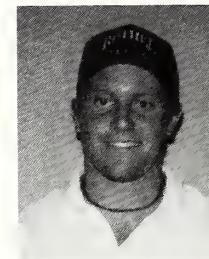


SAY CHEESE!: Blake Wedel senior from Topeka, hangs out in his mod goofing around with his friends.
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Connie Moore, SR
Kevin Moore, FF
Tracey Morris, JR



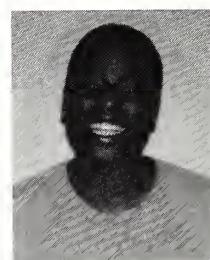
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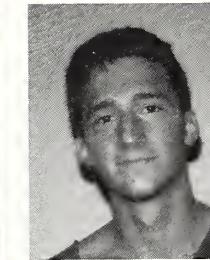
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Aisatou Ngong, SO



Lolem Ngong, SR
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Sarah Nitzsche, SR
Chris Noyes, FR



Michael Oakman, JR
Donnell Odom, FF
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Rose Owens, SO
Stephen Owens, SO



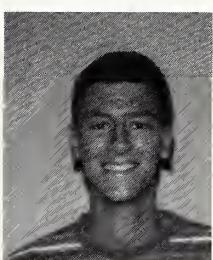


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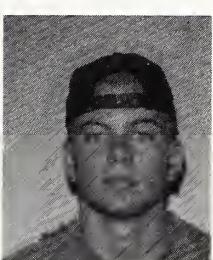
Sam Heiks, senior
from Appleton, Wis.,
plays his guitar on the
green. *Photo by*
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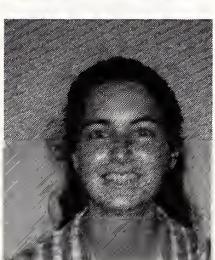
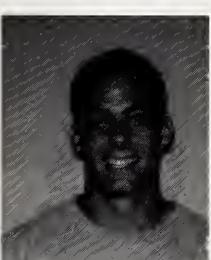
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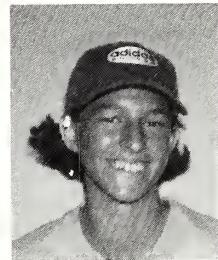


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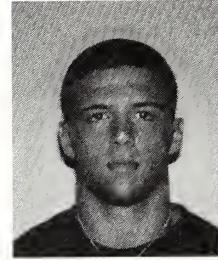
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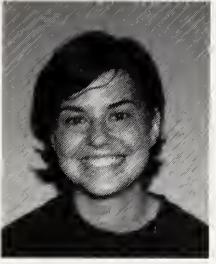




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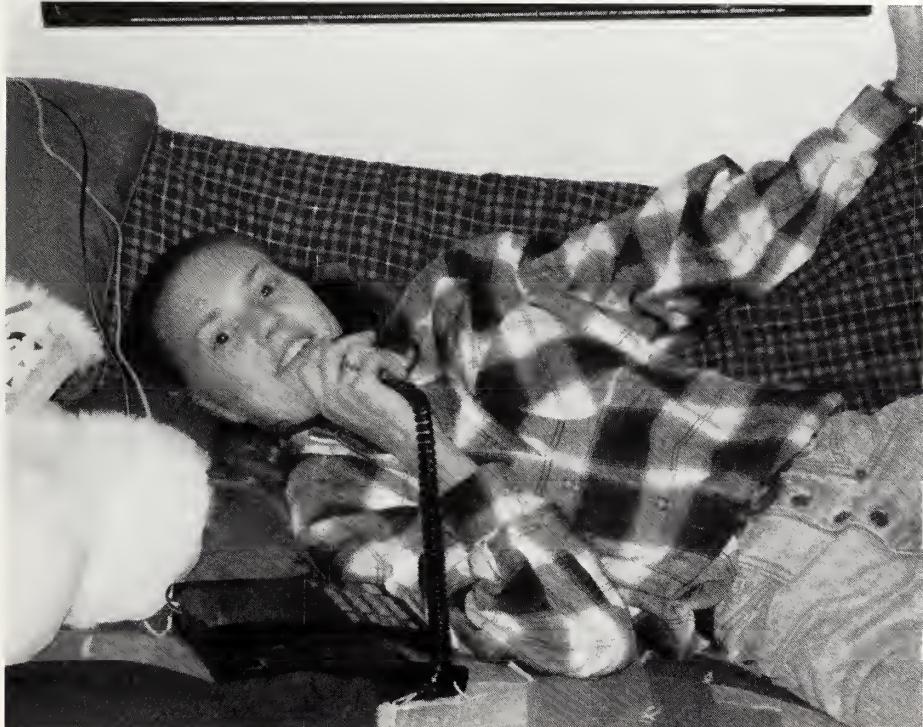
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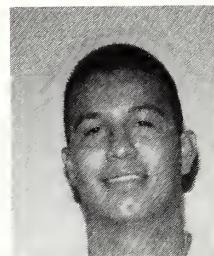


DORM LIFE: Wendy Allender, sophomore from Milton, hangs-out in her dorm room talking on the phone with a friend. Photo by Celina Wilson

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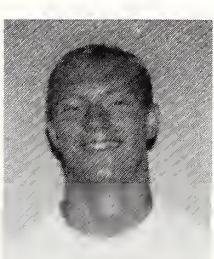
GETTING SOME SUN: Celina Wilson, sophomore from Lebo, spends time sun bathing over Spring Break.



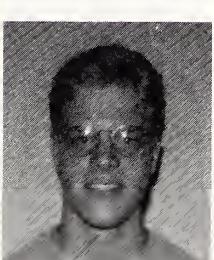
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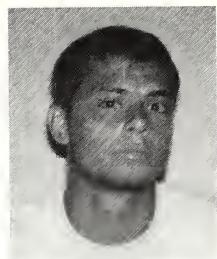
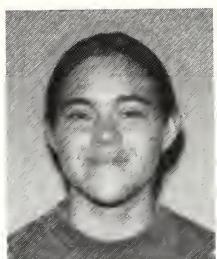


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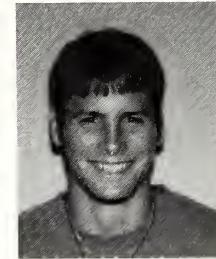
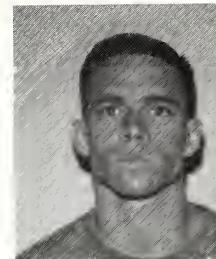
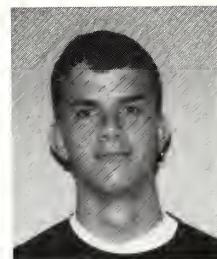


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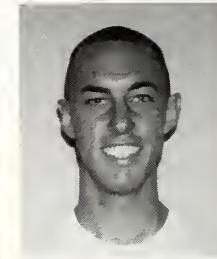
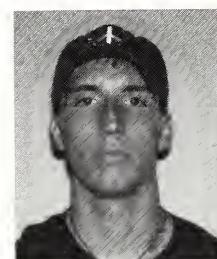
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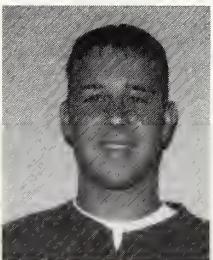
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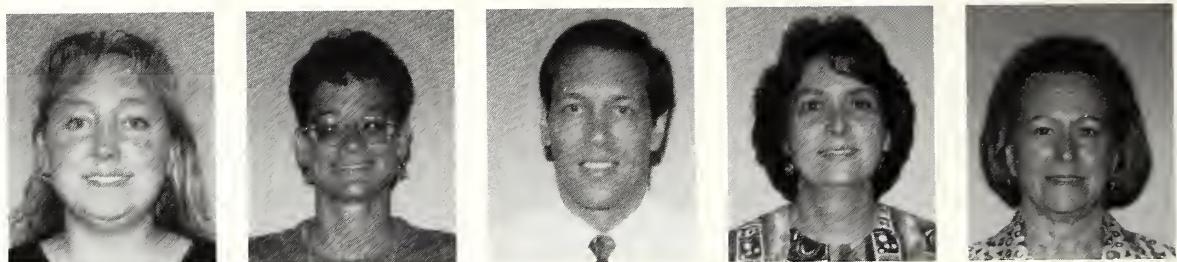
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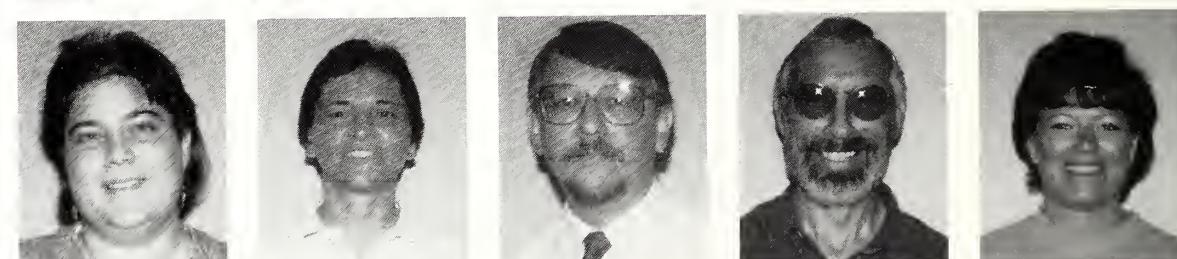
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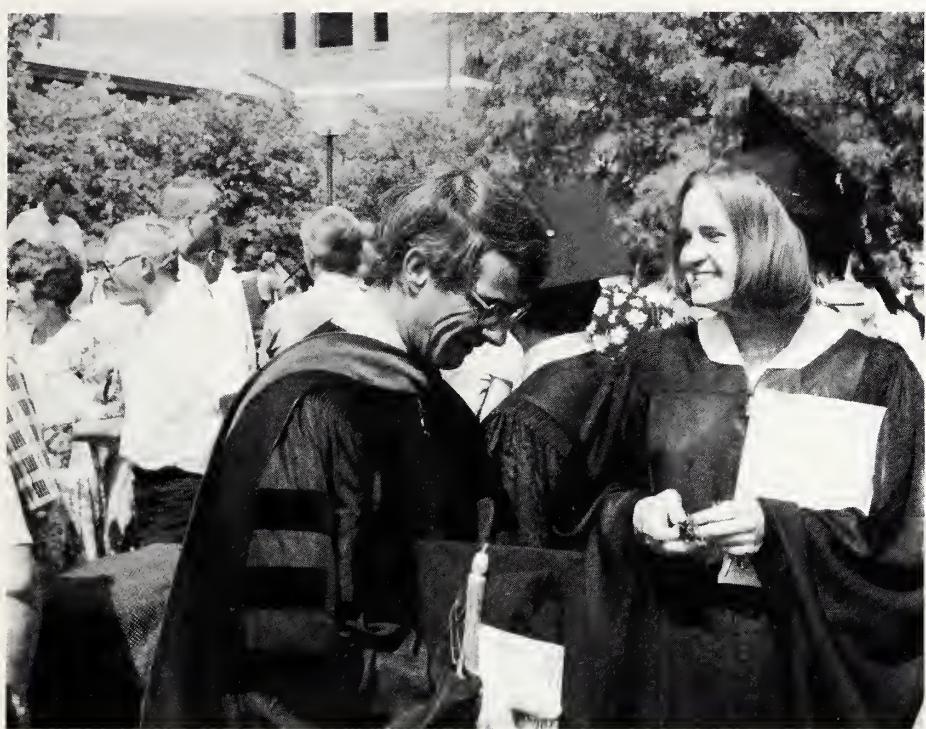


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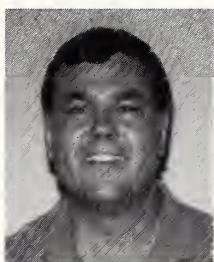
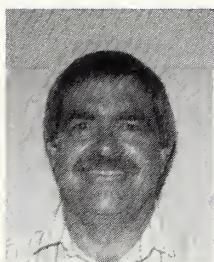
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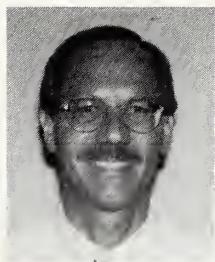


GRADUATION: Dwight Krehbiel, professor of psychology, speaks with Audrey Franz, senior from Newton.

Photo by Celina Wilson



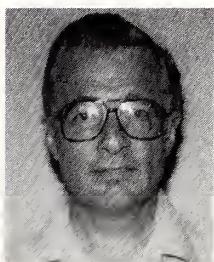
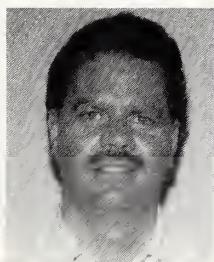
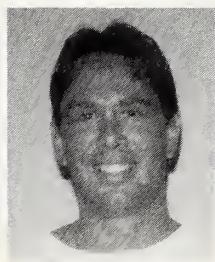
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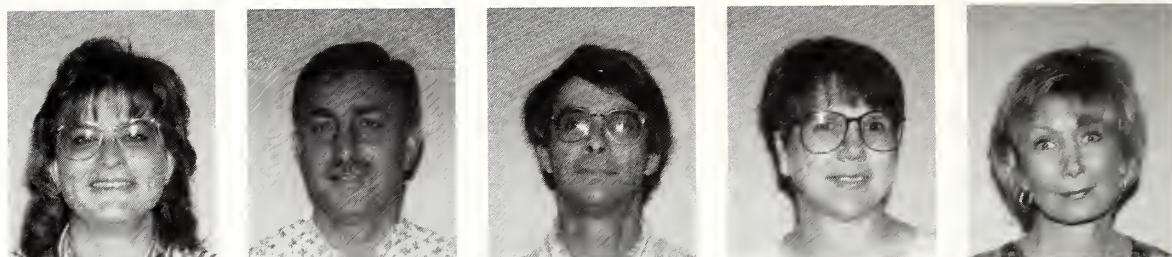


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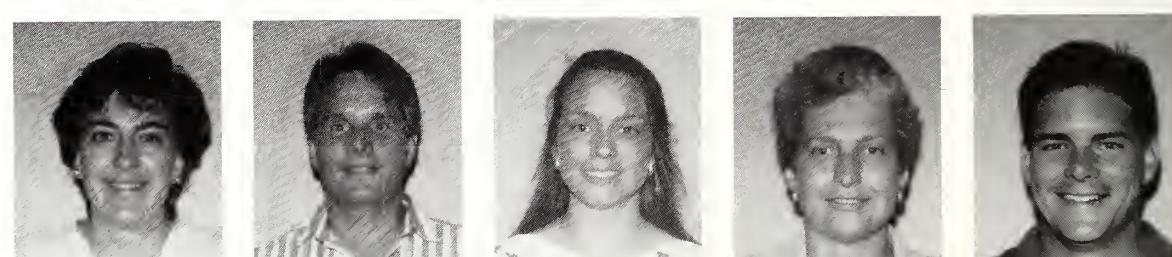
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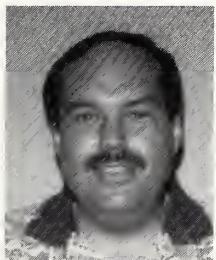


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GAIL LUTSCH,
professor of art, shows
some work from her
sabbatical last year.
Photo by Hanh Bach

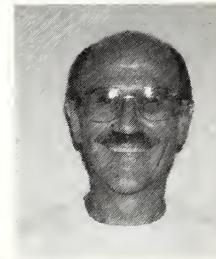
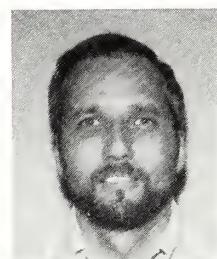
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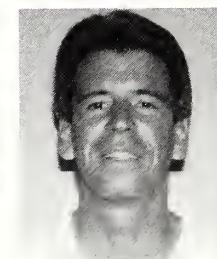
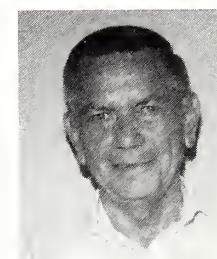
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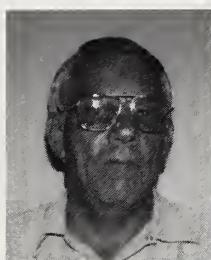


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Richard Zerger



Sandra Zerger



COACH, George Papageorgious,
professor of Health
Management, is hard
at work on the
sidelines.
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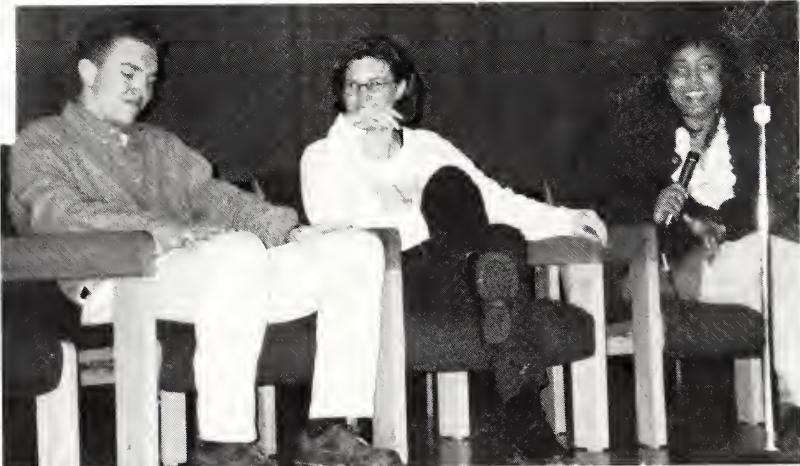
Convocation

Students and faculty gather together in Krehbiel Auditorium for another year of convo lectures.

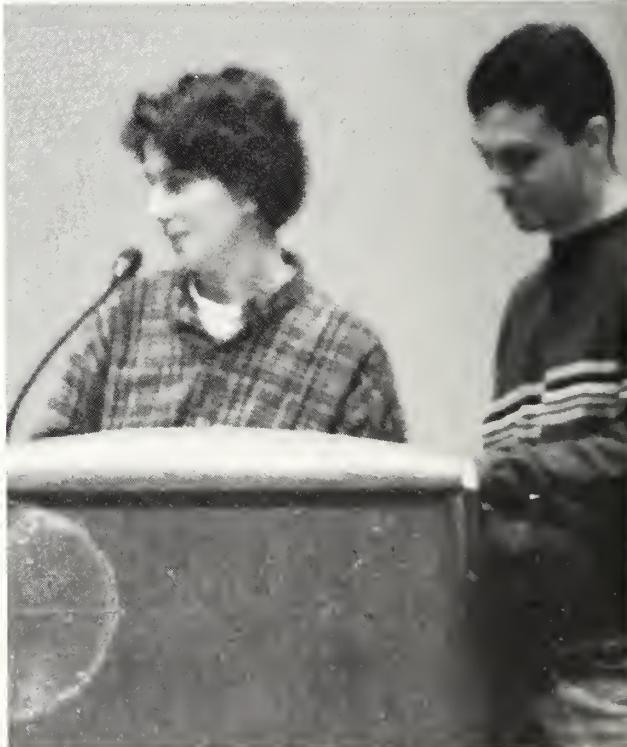
STUDENT
DISCUSSION
Student panel discuss
discrimination issues
on campus Photo
by Monty Gruber



DEEP THOUGHT: Chad Lehman, senior from Newton shuts his eyes to meditate during a convo lecture Photo by Monty Gruber



STUDENT PRESENTATIONS Tammy Sawatzky and Brian Zerger tell out their interterm trips at convo.
Photo by Monty Gruber





LISTEN UP: Matt Turner, senior from McPherson, takes the stage to express his opinion.

Photo by Monty Gruber

NOW HEAR THIS:
Students make announcements for special events at Convocation. *Photo by Monty Gruber*



FACULTY: John Sheriff and Gail Lutsch also take advantage of attending convocation.
Photo by Monty Gruber



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: President Doug Penner presides over the opening convocation. *Photo by Monty Gruber*

Faculty Feats

Faculty take their focus off campus.

By Hahn Bach

Five faculty members kept themselves busy throughout the 1996-97 academic year. Their activities can be summed up as a "delightful time, no question about it," said Wayne Wiens.

Arlo Kasper traveled to Seattle to enroll in classes and workshops at the Performance School. He also observed and attended classes at the University of Washington. The purpose was to become more qualified to teach the Alexander Technique, a physical awareness by regaining natural movement. "I am not sure if I could survive 32 years of teaching without sabbatical," said Kasper.

Kathryn Kasper joined her husband, Arlo during the second semester. Her goal was to obtain grants and find funding for the purchase of a spectrograph, a voice analyzer, to be installed in the music department. Although she was unable to gain funds, she felt that her time was well spent and "came back so enthusiastic about teaching."

Wayne Wiens spent his sabbatical on campus. The

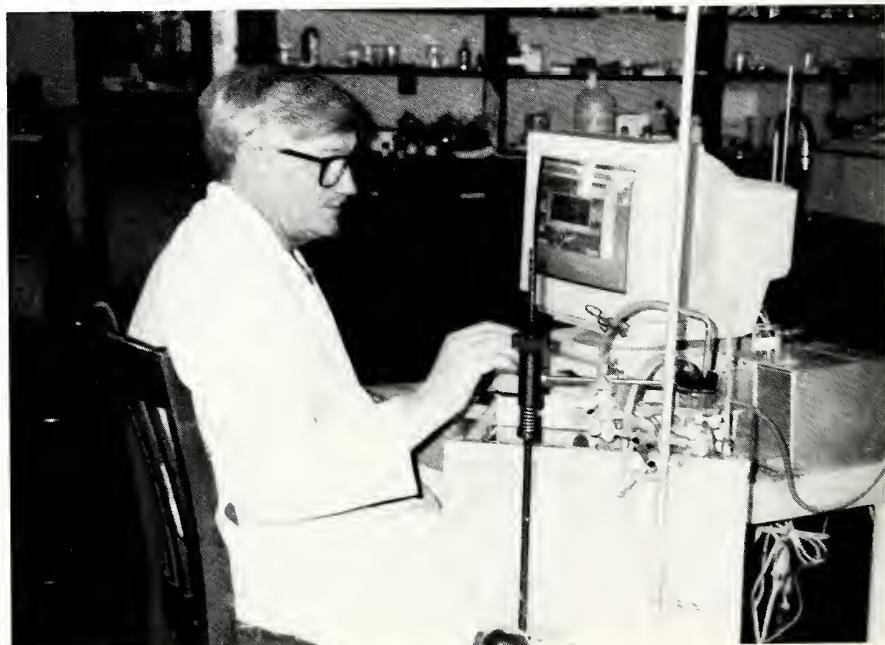
majority of his time was involved with two experiments. The first was the study of the genetics of mate selection using fruit flies as his subject. Wiens then studied the control of uterine contractions, employing mice.

Gail Lutsch attended three separate workshops in South Dakota, Maine, and Canada. She is especially interested in furthering her study for future development of a nontoxic etching process. Lutsch had time to work on her own artwork in her studio at home. Her sabbatical was a "jolt of inspiration for the upcoming year."

Richard Zerger was awarded with a new gas chromatograph by the Thermo Quest corporation. Which he donated to the Science Department. This instrument separates components of organic mixtures and only requires a small sample. "To make it versatile, we only paid a bit extra to reconfigure it," says Zerger.

LOOK AT THIS: Gail Lutsch looks through a magazine which gave her inspiration for some of her art work this past year.
Photo by Hahn Bach

CHECK THIS OUT:
Wayne Wiens goes over the data collected from his sabbatical study of fruit flies. I'm sure he had plenty of specimens to study.
Photo by Hahn Bach





YUMMY! After returning from sabbatical in Seattle, Arlo and Kathryn Kasper sit in Marriot and enjoy some time to relax.

Photo by Monty Gruber



PRETTY COOL HUH? Richard Zerger shows off new programs and equipment in the science department.

Photo by Hahn Bach



DO, RE, MI: Kathryn Kasper gives a few pointers to her student during voice lessons in her office.

Photo by Hahn Bach



IT'S ALL IN THE FACE: Ario Kasper shows a group of students the Alexander techniques of performing. He learned this while on sabbatical.

Photo by Hahn Bach

In the Theater

Student directed play: Murder by Default

by Mark Arganbright

A cast of 18 students assembled in early March to begin rehearsal of "Murder by Default", a student directed play.

"Murder by Default" starred Rachel Schrag as the kooky Mrs. Geisteskrank. Her extended family and friends were portrayed by Collin Waltner, Anna Marie Waltner, James Hiebner, Tom Taylor, Brandon Nelson, Shana Goering, and Sharleen Loewen. Adam Schrag, Kara Dixon, and Mark Arganbright played supporting roles, while Chris Gruber, Jacob Larson, Keith Hiebner, Robert Shipley, Neil Hamill, and Ryan Skillingstad, played roles of police officers. Jesse Gruber stole the show as the burglar, with simple one liners. Margaret Braun, held the role of stage manager, while official non-cast member Joe Sawatzky portrayed himself.

The cast rehearsed for only three weeks before the April 3rd, 4th, and 5th performances. These students took extra time to rehearse during mid-terms and memorized lines over spring break.

The play was filled with mystery, tragedy, screams, and silly nicknames for loved ones. A New England couple finds out what the problem with murder truly is.

"Murder by Default" was written and directed by Aaron Christopher, a communication arts major from Falun. Christopher expanded the show to two acts after its premire in his old high school. This play is interlaced with several forms of comedy, and is a delight to perform and watch. The show was performed in the drama lab, where the cast enjoyed a full house at every performance.

DON'T MESS WITH THESE BAD BOYS: Neil Hammill, Chris Gruber, Ryan Skillingstad, Jason Larson, Robert Shipley and Keith Hiebner.

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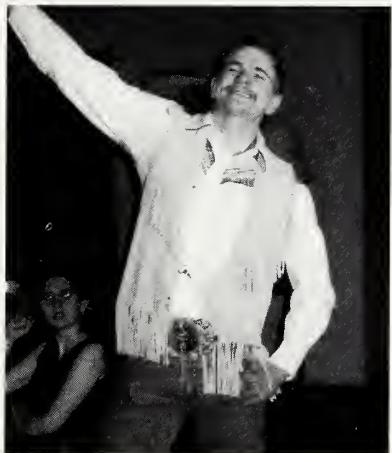
THE CAST: After the final act the cast gets together on the set for one last group pose.

Photo by Celina Wilson



MRS. GEISTESKRANK HAS A KNIFE. Who will be the next to die or fake their own death in this play? *Photo by Celina Wilson*

IS THAT HIEBZ?! Yes James Hiebner, junior from Henderson, Neb., dresses for the part of the long lost hick from Texas. *Photo by Celina Wilson*



THE MAN: Even though a small part, this play wouldn't have been complete without the role of *The Man*. This role of narrator was filled by Adam Schrag, freshman from Freeman, S.D.
Photo by Celina Wilson

In the Company

A Company of Wayward Saints the first play performed at Bethel in fall of 1997.

By Dana Gritmacker

The fall play, A Company of Wayward Saints, was performed November 13-15 in Krehbiel Auditorium. This play sent its audience through a rollercoaster of emotions, from funny to sad to intense.

In hopes of getting home again the 'Company' was asked to perform the meaning of life on stage. If their portrayal of life was approved by the standards of the Duke, then he would pay the actors' way to go home.

The cast included several roles and actors as follows: Harlequin—Cory Lamb; Scapino—Jason Fox; Dottore—Jacob Larson; Captaino—Mark Arganbright; Pantalone—Brandon Nelson; Tristano—Randall Bethea; Ruffiana—Brooke Kennell; Colombine—Sarah Koehn; and Isabella—Sharleen Loewen.

Sharleen Loewen, sophomore from Mountain Lake, Minn. says, "We had one really good performance, but that is coming from an actor's point of view."

The cast put in many long hours everyday for three weeks. They usually practiced from 7-11 at night. Loewen remembers one practice that was held at 6:00 a.m. The actors had a challenging schedule which shows their dedication to the play.

LABOR PAINS ON STAGE: Sharleen Loewen, sophomore from Mountain Lake, Minn., gives birth on stage. *Photo by Arlo Kasper*



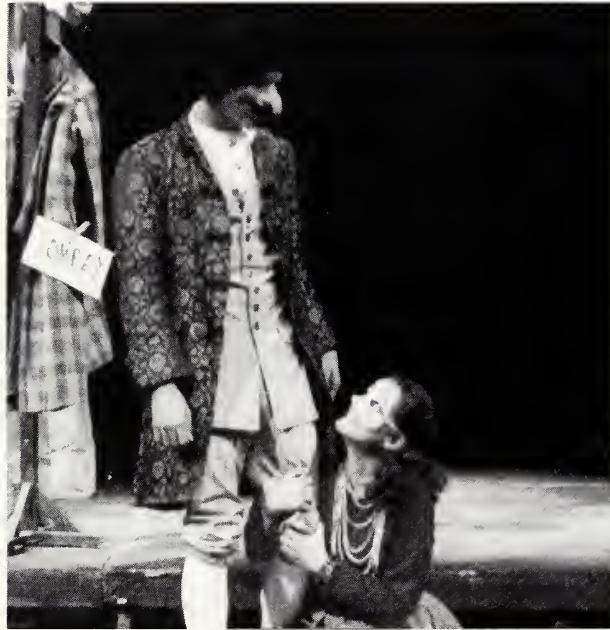
TAKING A PUFF: Jason Fo, sophomore from Clay Center, and Brooke Kennell, junior from Aurora, Colo., light up some pipes on stage.
Photo by Arlo Kasper





THE COMPANY, takes
a moment to pose for a
photo on the set of A
Company of Wayward
Saints.

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WHO'S BEHIND
THE MASK:
Sarah Koehn and
Mark Arganbright
pose together in
their mask.

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Kasper*

GET OFF MY
LEG: Brooke
Kennell, junior
from Aurora,
Colo., latches onto
Brandon Nelson,
freshman from
Newton.
*Photo by Arlo
Kasper*



IN DEEP
CONVERSATION:
Tristano played by
Randall Bethea,
freshman from Seattle,
Washington and
Dottore played by
Jacob Lason,
sophomore from Clay
Center.

Photo by Arlo Kasper

In the Opera

"The Gondoliers" performed at Bethel after 36 years.

By Ruth Harder

The last time Bethel performed "The Gondoliers" by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan was in 1962, when Kathryn Kasper was a senior, but this year, Kasper, along with her husband Arlo, were on the other end of the stage, directing.

Kathryn Kasper chose "The Gondoliers," subtitled "The King of Barataria", because of the makeup of solo singers in Bethel's music department. She wanted to display the talent of many vocalists and give them a chance to shine.

During an early March snow storm, Kelly Stucky, Jim Ostland, Erica Schmidt and Hannah Neufeld, along with the rest of the cast, took Bethel back in time to a place in Venice.

Through dance and song, the cast told a fun-filled romantic spoof of Kings vs. Republican equality, which revolves around the character, Casilda, daughter of the Duke of Plaza-Toro.

"It's a funny, corny story that's easy to understand and has gorgeous, singable melodies," said Kathryn.

Gilbert and Sullivan are well known for "spoofing" in classical opera. An example of this style in "The Gondoliers" is found in their signature piece, the "Patter Song," which has words with no slurs and a different syllable for every note. Sydney Stigge and Nathan Stucky stole the show with this technique.

Kathryn felt the performance was a hit musically as well. Under the hand of Brian Wiebe, there was a full orchestra sound added to the performance.

"The chorus worked particularly well with each other, along with the orchestra," said Kasper.

"The cast did a great job in making it an enjoyable performance," she added.

BIRDS EYE VIEW: This view of the set gives a full view of the stage and all actors. *Photo by David A. Kaufman*



ON THE LOOK OUT! Jim Ostland and Kelly Stucky look for their brides to be.
Photo by David A. Kaufman





LET'S DANCE: The cast performs a choreographed dance to a special song. Many nights were spent singing and dancing in preparation for this opera.

Photo by David A. Kaufman

PRACTICE: Hannah Neufeld, junior from Wasco, Calif., and Kelly Stucky, senior from Newton, practice steps for the opera.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



LADIES MAN: Mitch Isaac sits back and enjoys some personal attention from, Amy Burkholder, Alison Epp, Robin Linscheid, Melinda Leritz and Tonya Keim.

Photo by David A. Kaufman



A LOVE SONG:
Hannah Neufeld sits and waits with Erica Schmidt singing about her loved one.

Photo by David A. Kaufman

ORCHESTRA PIT: The live music from the orchestra added to the dynamics of the opera.

Photo by David A. Kaufman



In the Act

Brecht Performance brought to life on stage.

By Erica Coulter

Bertolt Brecht's "Good Woman of Setzuan" is not a typical play for Western audiences. It is not Brecht's intention to fool audiences into believing a scene on stage is real. Therefore, the set was very minimal, mainly consisting of long poles reaching to the top of the stage. The curtains were pulled completely back, allowing audiences to see all the backstage clutter and witness costume changes. Scene changes occurred in plain view by the cast members. A favorite term regarding the play was "alienation." Brecht wanted his audience to feel alienated, or apart and critical, from the scene, not swept into the dramatic realism.

The story involves a former prostitute who receives a tobacco shop as a gift from the gods. The shop is her opportunity to leave her sinful life behind and begin a life of goodness and generosity. According to Brecht, good people cannot survive in a world of capitalism and greed. This woman is forced to invent an evil cousin in order to remain in business. The play depicts the frustration of well-meaning individuals trapped in a world that does not have room for them.

John McCabe-Juhnke directed this production. Several students in this case had never participated in a drama production before. According to junior Katelyn Hubert from Wichita, "It was my first time to participate in a play and I really enjoyed myself. By watching John McCabe-Juhnke, I learned a lot about directing, which was just as fun as performing."

Other members who had drama experience agreed this play was nothing like other productions they were familiar with. Jacob Larson, sophomore from Clay Center, commented, "It was a weird play, but it included important social commentaries. I was glad to be a part of it."

THREE GODS:

Brandon Nelson, Mark Arganbright and Koji Hayakawa, travel near and far in search of righteous.

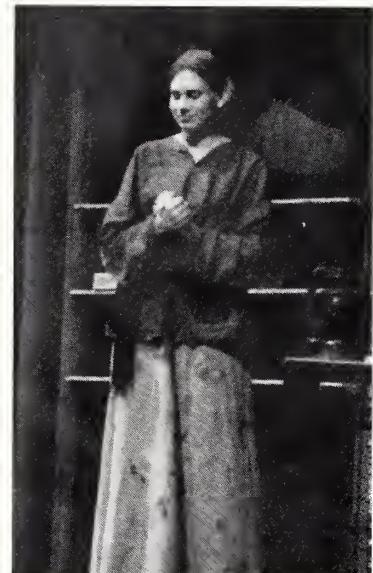
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ACTING LESSONS: Director, John McCabe-Juhnke gives some pointers to Brandon Nelson, freshman from Newton. *Photo by David A. Kaufman*

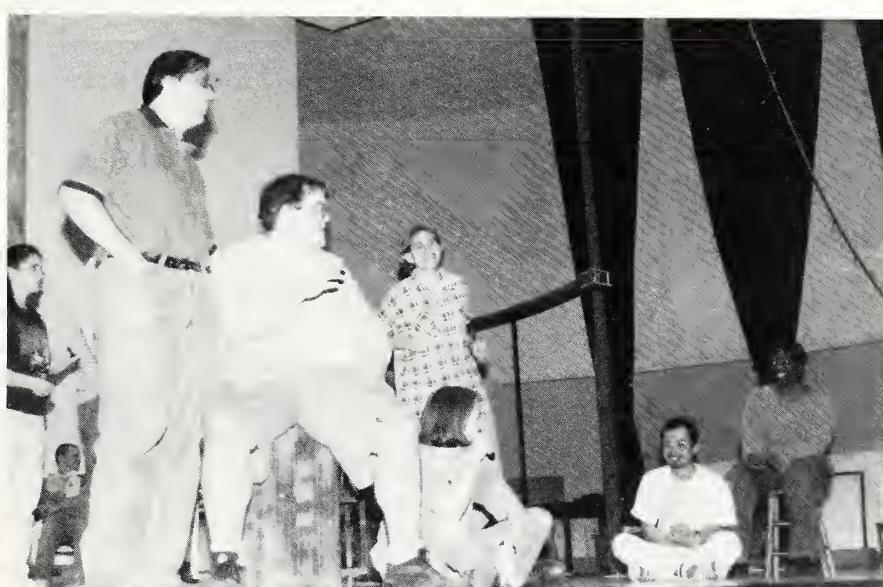
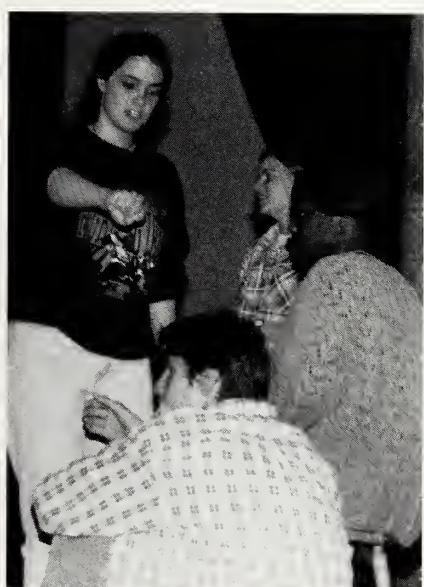
GIFT FROM THE
GODS: An
unpredictable visit from
some old friends
almost leads to the
end of the tobacco
shop.

*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



WHAT A SLACKER! Katelyn Hubert, junior from Wichita, plays the role of a beggar who latches on to anyone with money.

Photo by Robin Linscheid



THE GOOD WOMAN: Brooke Kennell, junior from Aurora, Col., plays the role of the only good person left in Setzuan. *Photo by David A. Kaufman*

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY? It doesn't appear to be that way. The cast had a great time practicing as well as performing this play.

Photo by David Alan Kaufman

In Character

Cast members stretch to portray 'The Nerd' but deliver a hilarious performance.

Review Courtesy Critic Shusen Socks

As usual, the Fall Fest theater production was a hit. "The Nerd," written by Larry Shues and directed for the Bethel performance by Assistant Professor of Communication Arts, John McCabe-Juhnke, is a comedy that takes unusual and hilarious twists and turns.

When I asked John why he chose "The Nerd" he said, "One of the first plays I directed was by Shues in 1986. He was a very comical writer and had general crowd pleasing style."

This crowd pleasing style fits perfect for a Fall Fest production. the diversity of people who attend this event makes it hard to please everyone. ("The Nerd" seemed to fit the mold.) McCabe-Juhnke's favorite scene was in Act II of the play. The scene involves the planning of a dinner party that purpose is to get rid of Rick Steadman, played by Nathan Stucky, junior from Kingman. This, of course, come off as one of the funniest scenes in the whole show. Aaron Christopher, junior from Falun, agrees with John that this is one of the best scenes in the play.

When Christopher was asked what it was like to be a part of this cast, he responded, "This was my first major role in a college production. The cast were the most professional people I have ever worked with. I actually went through withdrawals after the play was over." Christopher added, "...it had never been so easy to work this hard for something."

The continuity of the cast showed through in the production, making this a joy to watch.

ARE YOU ANNOYED YET? William Ortman, junior from Marion, S.D., sure is. This nerd drove the cast crazy as well as his audience.

Photo by Arlo Kasper



IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES UNTIL someone loses an eye. Collin Walters sacrifices an eye for theatre.

Photo by Arlo Kasper





IN THE END: Nathan Stucky, aka "the nerd", shows his true identity at the play's finale as he shares a cigar with Aaron Christopher.

Photo by Arlo Kasper



THE TENSION IS BUILDING. Not only is the nerd frustrating, but so is Austin McCabe-Juhnke who plays the role of a bratty kid.

Photo by Arlo Kasper

COULD YOU KEEP FROM LAUGHING? Collin Waltner, freshman from Freeman, S.D., can hardly keep his composure when looking at Nathan Stucky.

Photo by Arlo Kasper



FACE OF FRUSTRATION: William Ortman and Aaron Christopher can hardly handle much more from this nerd.

Photo by Arlo Kasper



Senior Seminars

Senior tackle the dreaded seminars.

By Becca Classen

Another year, another class, and another batch of the dreaded senior seminars were completed. While the majority of underclassmen live in fear of the day when they must tackle their senior seminar, many of this year's seniors felt that it really was not as bad as they thought it would be. However, those graduating with nursing or business degrees did not have to take a seminar. Mitch Isaac, from Whitewater, said, "I know that a senior seminar can seem quite daunting as an underclassmen. You will be ready when the time comes and it really isn't as bad as it might seem."

Other major factors that come into producing a successful seminar, was choosing a topic that the student was interested in.

"Choosing a seminar topic is like choosing a toothbrush: you'd better make sure you like it, because you'll be living with it for months. Also, its often non-returnable", said Sydney Stigge, from Newton.

Many seniors felt that being interested in what you are researching was the most vital part of the seminar. Katrina Toews, from Goessel, combined her interests of drama, dancing, and music to produce one of the highest attended senior recitals in Bethel's history.

After hard work, lots of time, and complete dedication to their purpose, many seniors had accomplished a feat that the rest of us still have ahead of us.

Stigge also claims, "Honestly, I really enjoyed this process of working on a seminar. I found my subject completely fascinating....Seminars are great!"

USING A STEADY HAND: David Alan Kaufman, Art major from Windom, spent several hours at the art building making pieces for his seminar.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen



SEVERAL HOURS AT A COMPUTER: Becky Klassen, senior from Newton, spends lots of time at a computer doing research for her seminar.

Photo by Sarah Thomsen





STACK OF BOOKS

TO RESEARCH:
Sydney Stigge, English
and Religion major,
spent two weeks in her
mod just writing her
seminar.

*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



BIOLOGY

RESEARCH: Melissa
Tiezen, Biology and
Art major from
Wellington, spends
time getting personal
with her plants used
for her seminar.

*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*

SENIOR ART SHOW:

April Sanford, Art
major from Halstead,
positions her art on the
wall. This art show
gives seniors a chance
to display their art
before seminars.

*Photo by Sarah
Thomsen*



COMPUTER WORKS:

Aman Kapoor, senior
from Calcutta, India,
works hard typing
various things in
preparation for his
seminar. *Photo by
Sarah Thomsen*



In Touch

Interterm is a time of travel all over the world.

By Hahn Bach

Interterm 1998 was a busy time. Some students decided to stay on campus and take advantage of the opportunity to finish a class in a month's time. Then there are other students who decided to see the world outside of North Newton.

One trip involved 23 students headed to London, England to experience historical and literary sites. The students had a chance to visit cathedrals and attend plays and musicals. There was plenty of free time for the students to integrate themselves into the British culture. Although there wasn't a language barrier, they had to adjust to a different form of speaking.

Another group of students ventured to that same part of the world. This group was the choir who toured Europe. The Concert Choir performed in several countries such as Germany and Austria. Freshman Collin Waltner reflected on the trip saying, "You really get to appreciate the choir when they are the only people who understand your language and culture."

A small group of three Bethel students traveled to Israel, the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and into Jordan. The trip was geared towards visiting biblical sites and taking in surrounding culture. These students got to see firsthand what was going on between the Jews and Palestine. Sarah Thomsen, says she can relate to what is being broadcast on the news since she has actually been there. This group had an opportunity to visit the Dead Sea, as well.

The last trip offered was a bit closer to home. Students of Julie Hart's Public Policies for Global Issues class spent 8 days in Washington D.C. These students visited many sites in Washington including: the capitol, Smithsonian museum, Holocaust museum, and the Pentagon. They had an opportunity to meet Kansas Rep. Sam Brownback.

Interterm was more than just fulfilling credits, but a time of bonding between students.



SHOPPING ABROAD! Brooke Kennell and Katie Dick shop for souvenirs while on the choir tour.
Courtesy Alison M. Schmidt



**GETTING
ACQUAINTED WITH
NATIVES:** Adrienne
Gard and Kate Hubert
meet several London
natives.

*Courtesy Kathy
Harder*

**CHECK OUT THIS
VIEW!** Sarah Thomsen
poses for a shot with
her mom, June.
Behind them is the
Dome of the Rock.
*Courtesy Sarah
Thomsen*



**PLANET
HOLLYWOOD:**
Nicole Unruh,
Melissa Stucky,
Karri Krehbiel
and Jesse
Graber visit
Planet Hollywood
while on the choir
tour.
*Courtesy Alison
M. Schmidt*



WINE SHOP: Neil
Hamill, Tammy
Sawatzky, and
Elizabeth Berndt are
reminded of Bethel
while studying in
London.
*Courtesy Kathy
Harder*



A FAMILIAR FACE:
While gone over
interterm some
students meet up with
Professor Patty Shelly,
who is on sabbatical.
*Courtesy Alison M.
Schmidt*



JORDON RIVER:
Keith Heibner,
freshman from
Henderson, Neb.,
wades into the Jordon
River.
*Courtesy Sarah
Thomsen*

Academic Focus

Debate, Forensic, Collegian, Thresher.

By Tonya Keim

The Debate and Forensics teams had another successful year at Bethel. Their greatest overall success was when the teams traveled to Topeka the weekend of February 20-21 and were awarded third place in the state in overall sweepstakes. The team this year was composed of a majority of freshman.

For these competitors, the season was spent adjusting to a new level of competition. In Debate, Cory Lamb, sophomore from Lacona, Iowa, and Jennifer Stoll, junior from Hutchinson, were partners who took third place in the state tournament. In Forensics Jesse Riffey, sophomore from Sadieville, Ky., Lamb, and Stoll went to the National Individual Events Tournament. Riffey and Lamb competed in duet acting, while Stoll competed in Extemporaneous speaking and Persuasive speaking.

The campus newspaper, The Collegian, had a very successful year as well. Kathy Harder was the Editor-in-Chief, while the paper also had four section editors for the features, news, sports, and column sections, one on-line director who put each edition on-line, an ad director who sold and designed advertisements, and a photo editor who printed and selected photos for each edition. Approximately 25 journalists were involved in writing the articles for the paper. Of these, 15 were freshman. During the fall semester, the paper was printed every two weeks, but for the spring semester, the Collegian produced weekly editions.

This year the yearbook went through several changes and hardships. According to Celina Wilson, Editor-in-Chief, "the toughest part about this year was keeping a full staff. Lots of students complain about not having a yearbook, but very few people are willing

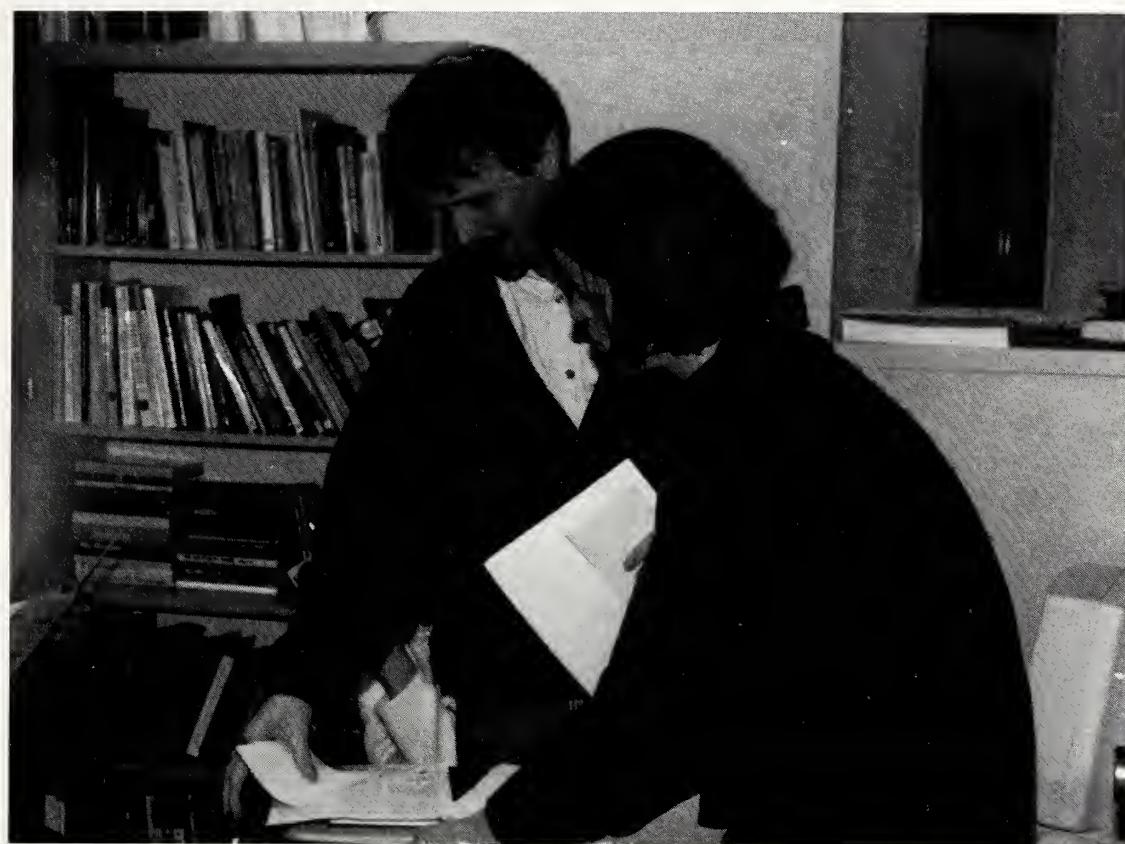
to help out." The Thresher has been underway since September and will continue finishing up this summer. The yearbook staff's main goal for the year is to be completed and given to students during the 1998-1999 school year.



REVIEWING NEGATIVES: Aaron Squyres, section editor, and Jason Fox, photo editor, work together to select negatives to developed

Photo by Robin Linscheid

WORKING TOGETHER: John McCabe-Juhnke helps freshman Carrie Gruber from Newton with her presentation. *Photo by Rachel Schrag*

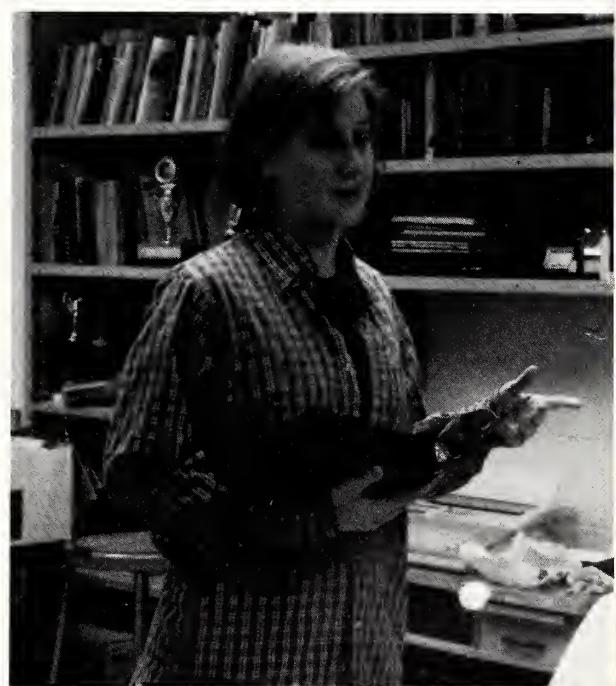


IS ANYONE
LISTENING TO ME:
Mark Arganbright,
freshman from
Morganville, practices
a speech for a forensic
meet.

*Photo by Rachel
Schrag*



GETTING THE JOB
DONE! Photo Editor
Sarah Thomsen, junior
from Bluffton, Ohio,
works at selecting
photos for Collegian
and Thresher. The
photo editor's job is to
make assignments and
develop film and
photos. *Photo by
Robin Linscheid*



SEND ME IN COACH I'M READY! Freshman Melissa Eigsti from Hesston, practices her delivery before a meet.
Photo by Rachel Schrag

Final Judgement

Finals stretch students to their limits.

By Becca Classen

It proved to be one of the most stressful times throughout the year: preparing. After spending hour upon hour in class learning and out of class working on papers and projects, students were required to shove every last bit of information into their brains in order to do well on their finals. Bethel students spent much time in preparation for their finals. Dayna Gritmaker, freshman from Newton, said that she will be spending a lot of time studying.

"Some finals will determine my final grade for a class, so I need to dedicate some serious time to studying," reports Gritmaker.

When it came time to hit the books and cram for finals, many students are stressed out over finals. Everyone has their method for reviewing for finals. Anything from study groups, cram sessions, solo studying, as well as not studying at all.

Carrie Graber, freshman from Newton says, "I write out sample answers to questions on study guides and hope that I retain some of the information for the finals."

I find that students tend to tank their finals in order of importance to study for. Celina Wilson, sophomore from Lebo says, "Most of my finals won't be too bad because they are pretty spread out. The one I have to study for the most will be Spanish II."

Some seniors have commented that finals are just about the furthest things from their minds right now. Several of them have been preoccupied with plans for graduation or finishing up their seminars. Senior Tamara Krueger from Emporia says, "I can hardly wait to graduate. Finding time to study for finals has been really hard."

Whatever the situation is, students still struggle through another week of finals to study for.



STUDYING AT BUBBERTS: Eddie Sifuentes, junior from San Antonio, Tex., and Heather Farris senior from Topeka hit the books.
Photo by David Alan Kaufman

IN CLASS REVIEW SESSIONS: Many students find it helpful to review for finals in class with the professor. Here Erica Graham, senior from Kansas City asks her professor questions about the final exam.
Photo by Robin Linscheid

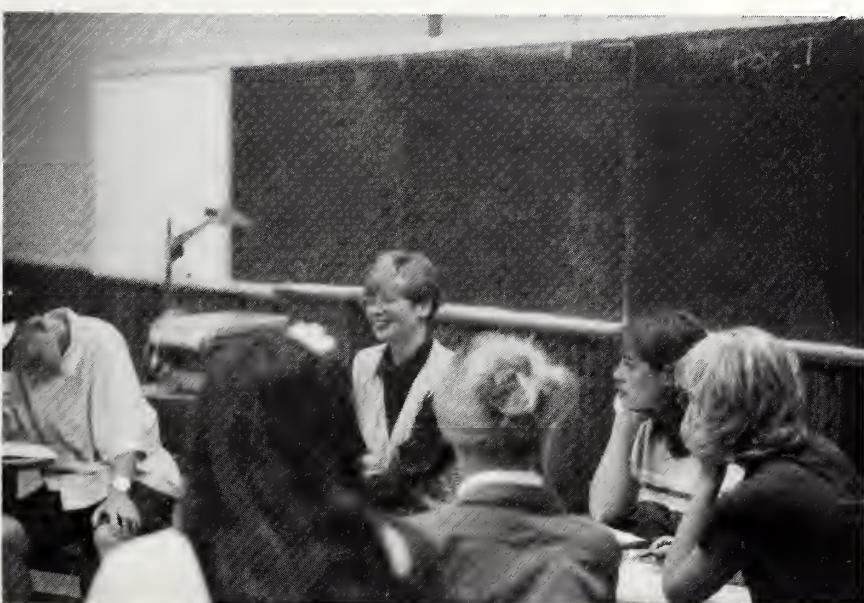




KILLING TIME
BEFORE FINALS:
Ryan Skillingstad,
freshman from Sandy,
Ore., and Kendra
Stuever, freshman
from Wichita, relax on
the green.
*Photo by David Alan
Kaufman*



REVIEWING
GERMAN: Merle
Schlabaugh advises
his students to just
remember everything
I've ever taught you
and you'll do fine.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



IN THE MOOD TO
REVIEW: Amy Regier,
English professor,
reviews some notes
with her class before
they take their POC
finals.
*Photo by Robin
Linscheid*



TAKING A BREAK
FROM STUDIES:
Blake Wedel, senior
from Topeka, finds it
helpful to take a break
from studying and goof
off a while.
*Photo by David Alan
Kaufman*

Graduation Day

Bethel holds 105th commencement.

By Celina Wilson

On May 24, 1998, 137 students became Bethel College graduates. The class of 1998 marked Bethel's 105th commencement.

This year's invocation address was delivered by Rev. Dorthey Nickel Friesen, of the Bluffton First Mennonite Church. She is the mother of Bethel senior Joanna Frisen-Parks.

This year's guest speaker was Lawrence Hart, a Cheyenne Peace Chief from Oklahoma. His speech was entitled "Connections: Past, Present, and Future." Hart is the director of the Cheyenne Cultural Center in Clinton, Okla., and is recognized for his various peace works. Hart was a Bethel graduate in 1961 and received the Young Alumni Award in 1965.

The ceremony included musical selections performed by Symphonia and the Concert Choir. In addition the Franz Community Service Award was presented by Dr. John Sheriff, Academic Dean, to two faculty. These professors included: Jim Harder, Professor of Business and Economics; and Shirley King, with the Music Department.

Bethel's Baccalaureate service was held at 9:30 a.m. in the Bethel College Mennonite Church. The service theme was "Lord, prepare me..."

Randy Smith, campus pastor and faculty advisor to the Baccalaureate Planning Committee believes, "Baccalaureate helps begin this significant day in the context of worship, which is always very important."

Seniors Jennifer Scott from Hutchinson, Daniel K. Asher from Sedgwick, Russ Tribby from Ontario, Canada, and Brad Quiring from Hesston reflected on service, discipleship, integrity and scholarship, the four ethics in Bethel's mission statement.

The prelude of the service consisted of music from senior musicians, while the service was concluded with the "Commissioning," a blessing that was given to the senior class.



MOVING OF THE TASSEL: All graduates moved their tassel at the same time to symbolize graduating together.

Photo by Celina Wilson



WE MADE IT THROUGH BETHEL: This group of graduates and friends take photos outside of memorial Hall after graduation.

Photo by Celina Wilson



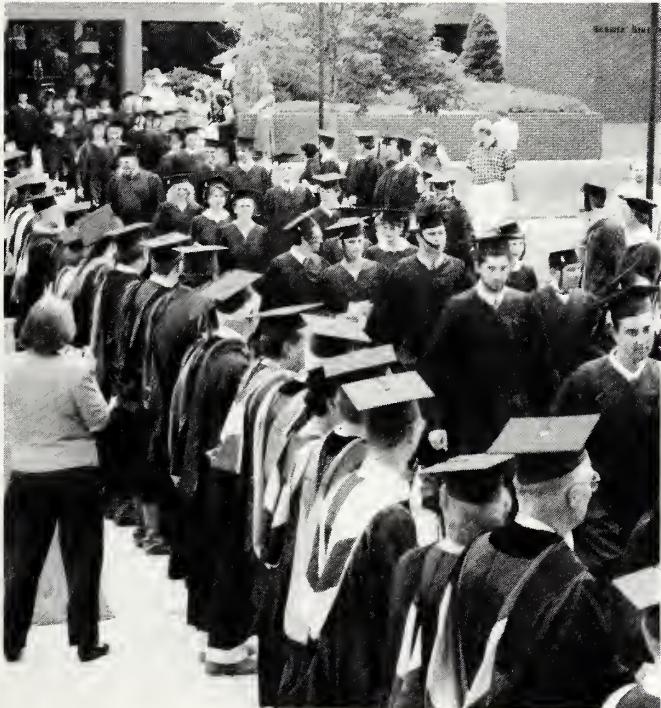
ALOHA: Ben Benavides III, from San Antonio, Tex., has just become one of Bethel's newest graduates

Photo by Celina Wilson



LEADERS OF THE PACK: John Sheriff Bethel's Academic Dean and President Doug Penner, lead graduates around the green.

Photo by Celina Wilson



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA: Posing for a picture is Sandra Zerger, Mark Fretz, Brad Quiring, and parents.

Photo by Celina Wilson

BETHEL'S YOUNGEST ALUMNI: Faculty and staff line the path to memorial Hall where graduation is held.

Photo by Celina Wilson

I'M READY TO GRADUATE: Erich Boschman from North Newton, waits with his class mates to graduate.

Photo by Celina Wilson





In Closing

97'-98' Yearbook staff put in several long hours to produce a quality yearbook.

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